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AF training seeks to combat sex assault

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**Rocking
the boat
at Yokota**

Tech Sgt. Timothy Wilder of the 374th Medical Operations grabs a breath of air while doing an Eskimo Roll in a kayak roll class held at the natatorium at Yokota Air Base, Japan, on Wednesday.

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States

Martha Stewart case: A former brokerage assistant who helped Martha Stewart make her fateful stock trade and later emerged as a key government witness was fined \$2,000 but spared both prison and probation Friday for accepting a pay-off during the government's investigation.

U.S. District Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum imposed the fine against Douglas Faneuil one week after she sentenced the convicted homemaking entrepreneur to five months in prison and five months of home detention for lying to authorities.

West Nile death: A 57-year-old man died from the mosquito-borne West Nile virus, becoming California's first human fatality from the illness since it arrived in the state last year, officials said.

The man died June 24 and is believed to have contracted the virus in Orange County where he lived, Robert Miller, a spokesman for the California Department of Health Services, said Thursday.

Drowned children case: Andrea Yates, serving a life sentence for drowning her children in a bathtub, is improving at a prison hospital where she was taken after refusing most food and fluid for six weeks, doctors said.

"She is much improved and brighter in spirits," Michael Fuller, a psychiatrist treating Yates, said Thursday. "Many of the symptoms that we saw when she was admitted were attributable as much to her physical state as to psychiatric."

Los Alamos security: Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham on Friday ordered a halt to all DOE operations that use the kind of computer disks reported missing last week at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Under his order, each DOE facility will conduct a stand-down Monday of operations involving so-called controlled removable electronic media or CREMs, such as classified hard drives or computer disks.

Each site is to inventory the items and conduct weekly inventories after that.

The announcement comes in the wake of two computer disks that were discovered missing from Los Alamos on July 7. On Thursday, 19 employees were placed on leave pending an investigation.

Columbine settlements: A federal appeals court has ruled that parents of a teen killed in the Columbine High School shootings cannot back out of a \$1 million settlement with the gunmen's parents and others.

The 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, in



Ukraine mining deaths: A girl cries Thursday over the coffin of her father, one of at least 31 miners killed in an explosion at the Krasnolimsnaya mine Monday in the Ukraine. Meanwhile, an aide to Ukraine's president on Friday described the country's mines as the world's most dangerous. On Friday, workers continued pumping nitrogen into the Krasnolimsnaya mine to cool the tunnels after the fire so that the search for five miners could get under way.

a ruling made available Thursday, rejected arguments by the lawyer for Michael and Vonda Shoels that the family accepted the settlement because of a mistake made at their lawyer's office.

World

Seminary porn: A Vatican investigation into the discovery of a vast cache of child pornography at a Roman Catholic seminary in Austria could take all summer, the Archdiocese of Vienna said Friday.

The church probe, which also is examining photos of candidates for the priesthood kissing and fondling each other and their older religious instructors, is likely to last another six weeks, said a spokesman for Cardinal Christoph Schoenborn.

Radical cleric: Lawyers acting for radical Muslim cleric Abu Hamza al-Masri argued Friday in London that he will not receive a fair hearing if sent to the United States to face terrorism charges because President Bush has prejudiced any trial by publicly calling him a terrorism supporter. U.S. officials are seeking al-Masri's extradition on a 10-count indictment accusing

him of trying to establish a terrorist training camp in Oregon, being involved in hostage taking in Yemen and funding terrorism training in Afghanistan.

Bosnia mass grave: Forensics experts unearthed the bodies of 51 Bosnian Muslims on Friday from a mass grave believed to contain the remains of up to 300 people killed during the 1992-95 war.

After nine days of exhumations, the Bosnian Muslim Commission for the Search for Missing Persons found the bodies in the mass grave in Bratunac, about 55 miles northeast of Sarajevo, local prosecutor Fatima Hadzibegovic said.

Rwanda rebel: A Ugandan court has charged a Rwandan rebel with killing eight tourists, some from the United States, and a tour guide during a 1999 gorilla-watching trip to a remote African rain forest.

Jean-Paul Bizimuna, also known as Xavier Van Dams, 30, was not required to enter a plea in a magistrate court Wednesday, according to court documents. He faces death if convicted in the murders of the two Americans, four Britons, two New Zealanders and the Ugandan guide.

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'Anything but a clear yes equals no'

Briefing for young airmen takes no-nonsense approach to sexual assault

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN
Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — About 4,000 airmen at this northern Japan base are required to sit through two hours of frank talk about sex.

The mandatory wing briefing isn't about moral virtues or "the birds and the bees," but about sexual assault — what it is, how to prevent it and how to report it.

Less than a year after former Pacific Air Forces Commander Gen. William Begert ordered a review of PACAF sexual assault cases, Pacific bases are launching their inaugural Sexual Assault Facts and Education (SAFE) briefing.

PACAF mandated the training after the Begert study found 92 reports of rape from 2001 to 2003 and flaws in how the cases were handled.

Most bases have already held initial SAFE briefings. Misawa held its first sessions Thursday and Friday at the Mustu Officers' Club. Brig. Gen. Bill Reid said the 35th Fighter Wing could have started the training sooner but he wanted to fine-tune the message and delivery, targeting it to airmen under 25, the age group most likely to be involved in sexual assault cases, according to PACAF figures.

Reid said he sat through the briefing for the first time about six weeks ago.

"I gave it an 'F' because it was geared at the 45-year-old senior officer crowd," he said.

Under the direction of Lt. Col. Eric Bee, the 35th Fighter Wing staff judge advocate, the program was revamped to get the attention of the Air Force's youngest members. PACAF provided a training module but gave each base flexibility to tailor their programs, officials said.

"It's very direct, sometimes blunt, using ... an in-your-face kind of approach," Reid said.

Friday's briefing began with a videotape: Members of Misawa's theater guild acted out a scenario in which two airmen, a man and woman, begin the evening drinking with friends. Both get intoxicated and end up in the male's room. He gives her a foot massage and the video skips ahead to the next morning, where the airmen wake up in bed together, and the female looks shocked and ashamed as she quickly looks under the covers.

Bee said the situation is a common one in sexual assault cases. "In the vast majority, alcohol was involved and not just a few drinks — lots and lots of alcohol," he said.

The question of whether sexual assault occurred always comes down to consent, he said, and alcohol complicates the issue.

One airmen in the briefing asked what if alcohol use impairs both the man's and woman's judgment, where the woman doesn't mean "yes" and the man is too drunk to know what he's doing.



JENNIFER H. SVAN/Stars and Stripes

Capt. Melinda Greene, assistant staff judge advocate for Misawa's 35th Fighter Wing, leads a separate briefing for female airmen on sexual assault, as part of the SAFE training airmen received Friday at the air base in Japan. The briefings have been revamped to catch the attention of younger airmen, who PACAF statistics show are most likely to be involved in sexual assaults.

Bee and Capt. Melinda Greene, the wing's assistant staff judge advocate, said voluntary intoxication is not a defense, and in such a case, the man could be found at fault.

A Misawa first sergeant backed that lesson with a story about an airmen he knew who spent 18 months locked up for rape. Both were drunk. She thought she was saying "yes" to her boyfriend, he said.

"If someone's very intoxicated, which is a common theme around here, they may not be able to consent and then that's a crime," Bee said. "That's a tough message for somebody who is 20 years old."

Men and women were separated for a portion of the briefing. Bee spoke to the men, driving home the point that "no means no."

"If you have sexual intercourse and you don't have a clear 'yes,' you've got rape," he said, making the airmen stand up and repeat the mantra, "Anything but a clear yes equals no."

Bee said it boils down to clear communication, urging the airmen to think in terms of having an unwritten contract for each step in physical intimacy. "Just because she's consented to kissing ... doesn't mean she's consented to sex," Bee said.

Sexual assault isn't defined in the Uniform Code of Military Justice, but can fall under a range of crimes, from rape or attempted rape to indecent assault and indecent acts, Bee said.

In a separate room, Greene told the women not to get so drunk that they lose control or awareness; if they plan to drink heavily, enlist a buddy to look out for them, she suggested.

"Take care of each other," she said.

She gave examples of passive resistance if alone with a male in an uncomfortable situation: Get a Coke and walk out the door or pretend to have a sexually transmitted disease.

"Every time I talk to victims of sexual assault, the common theme is ... I froze, I didn't know what to do," Greene said.

How about, "Get off me?" Greene suggested, having the women shout the words in unison.

Other topics covered included false reporting — don't mistake regret for a crime, Greene said — and how to report a suspected rape. Cards with telephone numbers for agencies such as law enforcement and the emergency room were passed out.

Staff Sgt. Ronell Taylor, 26, a unit deployment manager for the 35th Communications Squadron, said the training was helpful, "especially for the young guys straight out of basic training and tech school. Most of them are 18 or 19, they're still immature and don't know the ins and outs of consent."

The briefings are just one way Misawa leaders hope to address the issue of sexual assault. In response to the PACAF study, the base formed a sexual assault response team composed of various agencies, from the Office of Special Investigations to the chaplain.

"We had a lot of services on base ... but the problem is we didn't do a very good job of talking to each other ... and making sure the victim knew what services were available," Bee said.

Working with the Navy at Misawa, which already has a program, the base is training victim liaisons — volunteers on call 24 hours a day to help a possible rape victim cope and seek appropriate services.

Reid said he's considering banning alcohol from the dorms. "I haven't made a decision on it," he said, stressing that he's not trying to be the "moral police" or trying to change young airmen that grew up on MTV and have different dating rituals with his generation.

"What I am trying to get through to them is that as airmen, we have to respect each other — respect each other's decency when it comes to sexual relations, and when one partner says 'no,' it means 'no' — it's that simple."

Sexual assault, the general said, is "not something that's going to be brushed aside and winked at. We need every airmen on this team, and we're not going to prey on each other."

SAFE in the Pacific

Here's a look at Sexual Assault Facts and Education (SAFE) training throughout PACAF:

Kadena Air Base, Okinawa: More than 4,500 personnel at Kadena already received a SAFE briefing, according to base spokesman Chip Steitz. Newcomers and those who missed the initial briefing can catch the training the third Tuesday of every month in Keystone Theater. The briefing for male airmen is at 9 a.m.; female airmen attend the 11 a.m. program. The training is required annually.

Yokota Air Base, Japan: Yokota held its first SAFE briefing in June, according to base officials. Newly assigned base personnel and those who didn't for June are required to attend the next SAFE briefing Tuesday in the base theater at 8 a.m. (women) and 9:30 a.m. (men).

Misawa Air Base, Japan: Four sessions were held last week. The next sessions are set for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the Mutus Officers' Club Ballroom. Two sessions take place daily at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. The briefing is required for all wing personnel and open to all base residents; tenant command members are encouraged to attend.

Andersen Air Force Base, Guam: About 900 people attended the first SAFE briefing at Andersen on June 25, base officials said. The next two are scheduled Tuesday and Thursday at the base theater for the following times: women, 1 p.m.; men, 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. The training is mandatory for all Andersen active-duty personnel and civilians.

South Korea: No briefing dates were available from either the 51st Fighter Wing at Osan Air Base or the 8th Fighter Wing at Kunsan Air Base. Officials from both bases, however, said they have multifaceted and robust SAFE programs and are in compliance with the terms of the program. Airmen at both fighter wings receive SAFE training upon arrival to the wing — the same day their plane lands, officials said. Each wing also holds two "commander's calls" sessions yearly at which SAFE material is addressed prominently. Osan plans to hold sexual assault victim liaison training next month.

From staff reports

To Our Readers

In today's Scene magazine feedback section, Darmstadt, Germany, Staff Sgt. Aska Wright's quote in response to the question "What is your favorite spectator sport?" was omitted because of technical difficulties. His answer was: "Basketball, because it was a sport I was not used to well at. Well, fairly well at. It's exciting."

Army liaisons: Ties that bind U.S., Japan

Program helps build confidence between militaries

BY JULIANA GITTNER
Stars and Stripes

CAMP ZAMA, Japan — Weeks before Japanese leaders announced plans to send humanitarian troops to Iraq, a lone U.S. soldier on Hokkaido was helping Japan develop a plan for its wartime rules of engagement.

He later helped Japanese leaders create a benefit plan for defense force members killed in action. Further south, another U.S. soldier helped the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force address family-separation stress they might deal with during deployments to the Middle East.

Both belong to a liaison program, created in 1988 and greatly expanded in the past few years, that attaches U.S. soldiers to the five Japanese regional army headquarters.

They provide the Japanese a tap into U.S. military expertise and planning, reinforce their country in far-flung areas and foster trust and understanding between both countries.

And their presence may be partly responsible for Japan's willingness to fulfill a mission in Iraq.

"Our long-standing relationship with the Ground Self-Defense Force is what gave



JULIANA GITTNER/Stars and Stripes

Maj. Frank Clark, Army liaison officer to Japan's East Army, stands with Mamoru Oba outside Sendai, where Clark is based. As the sole U.S. Army representative in the area, he is a liaison officer and acts as the representative for Gen. Elbert Perkins, USARJ commanding general.

the JGSDF the experience and confidence ... to send their troops to Iraq," said Col. Michael Bosack, deputy chief of staff for host-nation affairs for U.S. Army Japan until this month, and a key figure behind the modern liaison program.

That relationship involves cooperation on bilateral exercises, information exchange and military collaboration, which the liaisons work to improve.

"It gives them a little more confidence to work with us at all levels," said Maj. Frank Clark, liaison officer (LNO) to the Northeastern Army in Sendai. "They know me and trust me."

"It helps to promote bilateral understanding. We become very closely integrated into the staff here," said Maj. Brent Hashimoto, liaison to the Middle Army in Osaka.

Preparing for Iraq

When the Northern Army asked their liaison, Maj. Craig Haas, about U.S. rules of engagement and benefits for those killed in action, he knew precisely whom to ask at his headquarters back at Camp Zama. Liaisons don't need to be experts, but they act as a link to experts, information or resources. Haas found officials who could prepare a brief on these subjects and translated them for Japanese defense force members.

Without Haas, Northern Army leaders would have gone up their chain of command to the top defense level, where officials would ask their U.S. counterparts to go down their chain of command to the experts. It could take weeks.

Haas expedited the process and because he's an arm's length from Army officials on Hokkaido, he could make sure the information was what the Japanese needed.

"It would still have worked," going through the normal channel, he said. "But not as well."

Liaisons make the bilateral relationship in Japan smoother, something Bosack realized was needed after Sept. 11, 2001. He expanded a small program to create the five permanent positions at each army headquarters.

"It was really critical to better link with them," Bosack said. Both armies work together to defend Japan and to protect U.S. military interests.

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Yokota says goodbye to 374th's vice commander

Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — A retirement ceremony was held Thursday at the Enlisted Club for Col. Kenneth Wavering, the 374th Airlift Wing's vice commander. It becomes effective Sept. 1.

Wavering will be replaced by Col. Douglas E. Kreulen, who spent the past two years as the 314th Operations Group commander at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.

Thursday's ceremony capped a week of farewells for Wavering that included a tournament at Tama Hills Golf Course on Mon-

day, his final flight Tuesday and a Wednesday retirement dinner that drew about 300 people to the Enlisted Club.

Wavering, who came to Yokota in April 2001 as commander of the 730th Air Mobility Squadron, is credited with many achievements during his stint here. They include:

- Restarting the Vice Mayor Council with six surrounding cities. The quarterly meetings are designed to address local issues such as noise pollution, build good relationships and enhance understanding and cooperation.

- Originating the idea of Samurai Warriors/Bushido — the code of the samurai — to define Yokota's spirit.

- Creating a "Japanese Culture Day" to provide an opportunity for base residents to experience and learn Japanese culture. "It's very important to understand the host nation in order to build a better friendship," he said.

Wavering, a 1979 graduate of the Air Force Academy, served in Operation Desert Shield/Storm and retires as a decorated command pilot with more than 3,300 flight hours.

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Liaisons: GIs live far from peers

LIAISONS, FROM PAGE 4

The key ingredient is trust. Like in business, Westerners sometimes have difficulty working with Japanese officials until they have developed trust. The liaison officers often socialize with businessmen, politicians and military leaders. They learn to understand each other.

They work closely with the commanding generals of each army who "rely on them very heavily as advisers," Bosack said.

"I frequently have a general walk into my office and sit down and ask about anything," Hashimoto said. "In the States, a two-star would never walk into a major's office."

They also work closely with the counsel general from the U.S. Embassy and often serve as a community-relations function.

"It makes up for a smaller [U.S.] presence" in an area, Bosack said.

Far from the flagpole

The soldiers are isolated from their American peers but develop strong, close relationships with the army staffs with which they work — relationships that before they happen and helping both sides learn from each other.

"They understand the political sensitivities of the areas they're in," Bosack said.

The job is a two-year assignment. Soldiers live without commissaries or exchanges. They have few English speakers to talk to. Most are newbies and have no very young children.

It is isolated but not lonely.

"It's fun to be far away from the flag-

pole," said Haas, who enjoys Hokkaido's wide-open spaces.

Their job also requires reporting back to U.S. Army headquarters, helping U.S. forces stay abreast of Japanese military technology changes and other developments.

The liaisons go to great lengths, however, not to be perceived as spies. Every question asked is on the table. They only approach Japanese leaders when asked to, by U.S. or Japanese officials.

"LNOs are not intelligence officers," Haas said. "The minute I'm seen as that I'd be seen as an outsider."

Liaison officers are foreign area officers — they've studied the language, history and politics of a region. FAOs exist around the world and serve as strategic and technical experts.

Working as a liaison officer paves the way for more strategic jobs. They can work at the Pentagon, in security assistance offices at foreign embassies or become military attachés. Bosack has been an FAO for half his career.

Clark, who was an aviation officer, hopes to help advise strategy-makers at the Pentagon. Haas may take the Foreign Service exam.

Hashimoto, a former armor officer, said being an LNO gives him a level of understanding not possible by studying alone. Plus he's getting to know the future military leaders of Japan.

"I feel very close to these guys out here," he said. "For myself, the benefit is I have a very good understanding of how they work. It's paid very big dividends in our understanding of the armies themselves."

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MILITARY UPDATE

Tom Philpott

Alternatives to SBP

Pentagon floats options to proposed reform

As House-Senate conferees prepare to deliberate differences in their separate plans for phasing out a sharp drop in military survivor benefits that occurs at age 62, the Bush administration says it has some "better alternatives" to improving the Survivor Benefit Plan.

Rather than phase out the age-62 drop in benefits, Congress should defer it "until the surviving spouse reaches full retirement age" under Social Security, Defense Department officials argue. That would put off the unpopular reduction in benefits until age 65, age 67 or somewhere in between depending on the surviving spouse's birth year.

Another alternative to phasing out the drop in benefits at 62 — when payments typically fall from 55 percent of covered retired pay down to as low as 35 percent — is to lower SBP premiums, Defense officials suggest. That would make SBP more affordable to enlisted retirees. (About 80 percent of retired payroll in SBP versus 65 percent of enlisted retirees.)

Defense officials seek a return to bi-level premiums, as set before 1988, with "sub-

stantial discounts for those with lowest retired pay."

DOD floated these alternatives in a package of "appeal" documents on the 2005 defense bill sent to the Office of Management and Budget and the Senate Armed Services Committee on July 7.

Steve Strobidge, director of government relations for the Military Officers Association of America, described the proposal as a last-minute attempt "to sell out the interests of all current and future survivors."

The House, in passing its version of the 2005 defense authorization bill, voted to phase out what's also called the age-62 "offset" within four years.

The Senate too voted to phase out the age-62 reduction, but over 10 years, not four. Benefits would be fully restored, to 55 percent, by October 2014.

The cost of the House plan is estimated at \$2.2 billion over five years, \$6.8 billion over 10 — roughly three times higher than the Senate plan. That proposal would cost \$700 million over five years, \$2.2 billion over 10.

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Stripes names new general manager in Pacific

BY PATRICK DICKSON

Stars and Stripes

John D. Panaszewicz has been named general manager for Stars and Stripes' Pacific operations.

He takes over at the Tokyo-based office from Bob Grindstaff, who accepted the position of associate editor in Stripes' offices in Washington, D.C., this month.

Panaszewicz came to Stripes in 1996 as the circulation manager. He was promoted to circulation director shortly thereafter.

"John's background of almost 25 years in the newspaper business, along with his strong perfor-

mance at Pacific Stars and Stripes, demonstrated that he is the right person to take over as general manager," said Publisher Thomas Kelsch.

According to Max D. Lederer, Stars and Stripes chief operating officer, Panaszewicz has in-depth knowledge of the Pacific Command mission and Stars and Stripes' role in supporting those forces.

"John has been at Stripes for eight years and has demonstrated great knowledge of our operations," Lederer said. "His recent and temporary assignment with Stars and Stripes to the Middle East further prepares him to lead this operation as it evolves with

the military in meeting the emerging challenges for today's armed forces."

Prior to joining Stripes, Panaszewicz was the circulation and promotion manager for Trader Publishing in the Buffalo and Western New York region. Panaszewicz worked 15 years with The Buffalo News in numerous circulation positions.

Panaszewicz lives in Japan with his wife, Teresa, and their four children — Erica, 13, Leah, 11, and twins Andrew and Benjamin, 9.

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U.S. hits Falujah house with 'precision attack'

Two U.S. servicemembers killed by roadside bomb; Militant group captures Egyptian diplomat in Iraq

BY PAUL GARWOOD
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD — U.S. forces launched a "precision attack" against a suspected gathering of insurgents outside a house in Falujah, wounding five civilians, while a roadside bomb killed two American soldiers near Samarra, the U.S. military said.

Also Friday, militants in Iraq took an Egyptian diplomat hostage and demanded his country forsake any plans it had to send security experts here, according to a video broadcast Friday on the Al-Jazeera television station.

The station also showed a separate videotape from another militant group which abducted seven foreign truck drivers, who issued new demands for the company to compensate the families of those killed in battles with U.S. forces in Falujah. The company was given 48 hours to comply.

The U.S. attack, like several

other recent strikes in Falujah, was conducted in coordination with the Iraqi government, and it targeted 10-12 terrorists linked to Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the military said.

Al-Zarqawi has claimed responsibility for a series of car bombings and beheadings of foreigners in Iraq in recent months.

Associated Press Television News video showed a huge crater beside the targeted house.

Marines pulled back from Falujah — a focal point of resistance — after besieging it for three weeks in April. Since then, the military has used missile attacks and airstrikes against potential targets, and Friday's strike was the seventh in about a month.

The roadside bombing south of Samarra that killed the two Americans also wounded one soldier, a military official said on condition of anonymity. The city 60 miles north of Baghdad was the scene of battles this week that killed

four Iraqis and wounded five.

The American deaths raised the U.S. toll in Iraq since the beginning of the war to 902, according to an Associated Press count.

An Egyptian diplomat in Baghdad, who declined to be identified, confirmed that Mohammed Mamdouh Helmi Qutb was abducted.

The videotape show Qutb sitting in front of six masked kidnappers. The group, which called itself the "Lions of Allah Brigade," said it abducted Qutb because the Egyptian government said it was prepared to deploy security experts to help the interim government in Iraq.

Qutb, who said he was being treated well, added that the Egyptian mission in Baghdad was not cooperating with the U.S.-led multinational force and was only trying to help rebuild Iraq, the news-caster said. Egypt has offered to train Iraqi police and security personnel in Egypt, but it has declined to deploy military forces in



Radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr is escorted by followers Friday after he addressed worshippers at Friday prayers in the Iraqi city of Kufa, Iraq. In his sermon, al-Sadr condemned the beheading of hostages, saying it was illegal in Islamic law.

against U.S. forces, condemned militants Friday who have beheaded foreigners in recent months — two days after a decapitated body was found on the banks of the Tigris, accompanied by a severed head in a bag.

"Anybody doing this is a criminal and we will punish him according to Islamic law," al-Sadr said.

Gitmo hearings set for this week

The Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Hundreds of detainees suspected of terrorist ties will get their first formal opportunity to argue for their freedom at review panels that the U.S. military plans to convene this week at its base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The military is preparing hearing rooms inside trailers at the seaside prison of Camp Delta and has appointed three military officers to sit on the first panel, spokeswoman Nancy Cmdr. Beci Brenton said Friday.

"They're standing by ready to execute when they're told to,"

Brenton said by phone from the Pentagon. "The aim is to conduct the first tribunal [this] week."

Human rights lawyers criticize the process as a sham, saying the three military officers assigned to hear cases can't be considered impartial and that each detainee should be allowed a lawyer. Under the rules, each detainee will be assigned a military officer to be a "personal representative" before the panel.

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U.S. openly critical of Philippines move

U.S. charge d'affaires says pullout to free hostage sets dangerous precedent

BY PAUL ALEXANDER
The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — A Filipino truck driver freed by his kidnappers in Iraq was greeted as a hero by his countrymen, but the United States criticized the Philippines for agreeing to pull its forces out to win the release.

U.S. Charge d'Affaires Joseph Mussomeli minced few words

about Washington's displeasure over the handling of Angelo dela Cruz's kidnapping.

"The terrorists had essentially ordered the Filipino troops out, and that was a violation of Filipino sovereignty that a small group of terrorists told the Philippine government what to do and the government did it. That's the concern," Mussomeli told DZBB radio Friday.



Arroyo

punish the Philippines in any way."

Saying "weakness is provocative," Defense Secretary Donald

Rumsfeld warned that the pullout could encourage terrorists to try similar tactics to pressure other countries in the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq. That seemed to be borne out by a wave of fresh abductions in Iraq.

As dela Cruz had a tearful family reunion Thursday at Manila's international airport, U.S. Ambassador Francis Ricciardone headed back to Washington for consultations on the status of relations with the Philippines.

On Friday, dela Cruz returned to his home village in the northern Philippines to a tribal dance and teary-eyed relatives.

Villagers cheered as relatives hugged and kissed dela Cruz when he stepped out of a vehicle and was led into a local school for a welcoming program.

The Philippine government won dela Cruz's release by withdrawing its 51 peacekeepers from Iraq to meet the demands of his kidnappers.

President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo denied any claim during the United States during a foreign policy speech Friday, making clear that she felt she had to put the welfare of its 8 million citizens working overseas at the top of her priorities.



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What happened to Scott Speicher?

After two wars in Iraq, questions about Navy pilot's fate remain unanswered

BY RANDALL RICHARD

The Associated Press

Lt. Barry Hull emerged from his F/A-18 Hornet and climbed onto the deck of the USS Saratoga, unhappy with his landing. He knew to expect better when his squadron mate, Lt. Cmdr. Scott Speicher, zoomed onto the aircraft carrier from the sky over the Red Sea.

Speicher's landing, of course, would be perfect. He was the best Navy pilot in the squadron.

Cmdr. Michael "Spock" Anderson had led the squad out of the hellfire over Baghdad. Once over the sea, he had radioed the others. All but Speicher had checked in.

Hull didn't worry at first, he remembers today. They all figured "Spike" was out of range. Hull radioed: "Come in, Spike. This is Skull. Talk to me!" Nothing. So they waited.

It was Jan. 17, 1991, a war with Iraq was beginning, and American planes were in the air. But Speicher, 33, didn't land that day. He never landed, and he never came home.

They declared him dead at first; the secretary of defense said it on live TV. His widow remarried, his children grew. But then doubts began to worm their way in. Odd clues surfaced. A shadowy informant told a story. After a decade, the Pentagon changed its mind: Speicher, it said, was not dead but missing or captured.



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An F-18 Hornet flown by Navy pilot Lt. Barry Hull flies over the Red Sea in 1991. Lt. Cmdr. Michael Scott Speicher flew a similar fighter when he went down over Iraq in the first Gulf War. In the background is the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga.

Did Speicher tumble from the sky to his death, or did he eject and survive to scrawl his initials on the wall of an Iraqi prison? Did he endure another, more intricate tale that, even now, remains untold? The questions reached Capitol Hill, the Pentagon, the Oval Office itself.

Eventually, with another Bush in the White House and Saddam Hussein's Iraq still an enemy, the story transcended one pilot.

Speicher's case had become something more — a small part of the rationale for another war.

Speicher 'left behind'

In late 2002 and early 2003, as the administration of George W. Bush made its case for invading Iraq, Speicher's name began echoing again in the halls of power. Had Saddam Hussein held him captive all these

years? Saddam's government said no. But Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said the missing pilot — if he was alive — was one reason to invade. Bush himself raised Speicher's presumed capture to the United Nations.

These were only the latest in years of efforts to determine the airman's fate. But the push didn't start immediately, friends of Speicher allege. In 1991, Hull says, Speicher "had been left behind."

On the day Speicher disappeared, the military told his wife that search-and-rescue teams were looking for him, his friends say. But that wasn't happening, Hull contends, bristling at the memory.

"Part of the deal is that if I go down, by God, it's your job to come get me," Hull says. He doesn't buy the Navy's belated argument that, without a distress call from Speicher, a rescue mission would have been futile.

He asserts that the Navy knew — or should have — that Speicher's new radio didn't fit in its pouch and had probably been blown out of his survival vest when he ejected. Why, he wonders, didn't the military follow information from a fellow pilot who had marked the coordinates of the fireball that investigators later linked to an air-to-air missile fired by an Iraqi MiG? But as the 1991 Gulf War ended, ephemeral clues to Speicher's fate planted seeds that would sprout into a fragile culture of hope.

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Speicher: Hopes rise, fall in search of answers

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Wreckage found

Tim Connolly was an army captain with the 405th Civil Affairs Battalion during Desert Storm. After the shooting stopped, he told The Associated Press, he was summoned to talk to a man who claimed to be a Kuwaiti secret police colonel.

The colonel said he had been taken to a hospital in Nasiriyah four months earlier after being captured by the Iraqis. There, he said, an American pilot was in the next bed.

The colonel offered to look at photos of captured American pilots. But Connolly said he was told not to bother. With Speicher officially dead, all U.S. pilots were accounted for.

By 1994, Connolly, then a deputy assistant secretary of state, learned of a discovery in the Iraqi desert. A group of Qataris, ostensibly in Iraq on a falcon hunt, had discovered the wreckage of an F/A-18 American warplane. They gave U.S. authorities a metal plate stamped 163470 — the ID number on Speicher's Hornet.

A Defense Intelligence Agency satellite pinpointed the wreck site, its coordinates matching those where David Renaud, a Navy flyer, saw a brilliant flash of

light in the sky the day Speicher disappeared.

Finally, something tangible to work with — if anyone could get to the place.

Connolly urged an undercover mission to the crash site before the Iraqi government could tamper with anything that might reveal Speicher's fate.

According to Connolly, a special operations team had a plan: Slip in by helicopter at night, recover evidence and be back in Saudi Arabia before dawn. On Dec. 23, 1994, Connolly made his case to Secretary of Defense William Perry.

At that meeting in Perry's Pentagon conference room was Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who confirmed Connolly's account. Shalikashvili told Perry: "I don't want to be the one to write letters home to the parents telling them that their son or daughter died looking for old bones."

A month later, Perry notified Connolly that he had decided, instead, to ask the International Committee of the Red Cross to arrange with Baghdad for a U.S. team to visit the site.

After postponing the visit three times, the Iraqis escorted investigators to Speicher's plane, Connolly said. As he feared, the site had been picked over — either by looters or government agents.

Sen. Pat Roberts, a Republican from Kansas, pressed the issue. To Roberts, the evidence suggested Speicher had survived and might still be a prisoner of war.

Roberts held closed hearings, and on March 27, 2001, his committee released a report re-evaluating all the evidence collected over the years. "Speicher probably survived," the report said, and if he did, "he almost certainly was captured."

Weeks earlier, the military, in an extraordinary decision, changed Speicher's status from killed to missing — 10 years after he was pronounced dead. Evidence cited in the committee report contributed to the decision.

Then, in October 2002, the military changed Speicher's status again, this time to "missing-captured."

Five months later, the United States invaded Saddam fief.

Speicher was not found. In the midst of it all, a man surfaced to talk to U.S. officials. His name was Eduard, and he reportedly claimed he had information that Speicher was alive.

It was stunning if true: An Iraqi secret-police captain attesting to the pilot's continuing imprisonment. But for those who had started to believe the memory of Speicher was being manipulated for political ends, the story smelled



Lt. Cmdr. Scott Speicher

bad. One of them was Scott Ritter, a former U.N. weapons inspector.

Ritter told the AP he had been asked in late 1997 to assist with the Speicher search by adding Hakimiya Prison in Baghdad to the list of sites being inspected for weapons of mass destruction. There, a tantalizing clue turned up, carved into a cell wall were the initials MSS.

Were they etched by a prisoner named Michael Scott Speicher? Ritter doesn't think so. The prison walls were inscribed with other initials that meant nothing to the Americans.

Eduard, it turned out, was a phony, Ritter said. His only connection to the secret police was that he once waited tables in their dining room.

Ritter, a controversial figure since he declared his opposition to the invasion of Iraq, thinks someone put Eduard up to it. Most of the evidence pointing to Speicher's being alive was manufactured by advocates of war, Ritter asserts.

"This isn't just an accident," Ritter said in an interview. "This was done by people who fully knew what they were doing."

War footnote

Today, with more than 130,000 American forces occupying Iraq, Speicher is still nowhere to be found.

A joint Iraq-U.S. committee has just finished its work on determining the fate of the pilot, said George Sada, spokesman for interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi. "The result of the investigation will be announced by the Pentagon." He wouldn't elaborate.

There is talk now of making Speicher officially dead again. Hope has dimmed. People have moved on. He has become a footnote to war, a man whose story stopped in the middle — and whose ending may be forever beyond reach.

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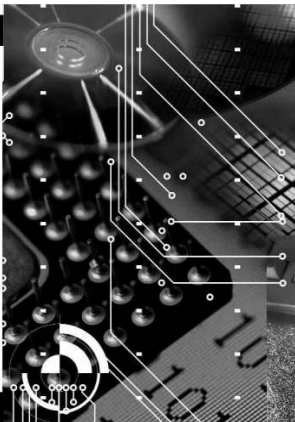
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Doctors: Jenkins in no need of urgent care

BY NATALIE
OBIKO PEARSON
The Associated Press

TOKYO — Doctors treating an accused U.S. Army deserter in Japan said Friday his condition is not serious and he does not need urgent medical care, but more tests will be carried out.

Charles Jenkins, wanted by the United States for allegedly abandoning his Army platoon in 1965 and defecting to North Korea, has been hospitalized in Tokyo since arriving in Japan on Sunday.

Japanese officials say Jenkins, who has lived in the North for nearly four decades, was suffering the aftereffects of an operation performed in the communist state.

A Japanese hospital official said Friday that Jenkins had prostate surgery in North Korea. An official said previously that Jenkins underwent abdominal surgery.

The United States plans to pursue a case against Jenkins, including a possible court-martial, but it has not yet officially requested custody of him, citing humanitarian concerns over his health.

It was unclear if Japanese doctors' latest diagnosis would prompt U.S. officials to request his handover soon.

Citing privacy laws, doctors re-

fused to specify Jenkins' current ailment. But the hospital's deputy chief, Dr. Atsushi Nagai, said: "After examining him, it appears there is no need for immediate medical treatment."

Nagai said that when he told this to Jenkins, the American "seemed to understand that he doesn't have a serious condition."

Jenkins is married to a Japanese citizen, Hitomi Soga. The two are in North Korea after Soga was kidnapped by Northern agents and taken to the reclusive country in 1978 to help train spies.

Soga was released by North Korea in 2002 and returned to Japan, leaving behind Jenkins and their two daughters. The 64-year-old North Korean native told doctors some details about his prostate surgery in North Korea, Nagai said. More tests over the next week will give doctors a better idea of how to treat Jenkins, said Nagai, who is heading the medical team caring

for the American.

Although Jenkins had lost about 22 pounds in recent months, he has a decent appetite, doctors said.

Nagai confirmed that doctors also discussed their findings with a delegation from the U.S. Embassy on Friday at the hospital. The group, which included U.S. military doctors, did not meet directly with Jenkins, he said.

"The U.S. Embassy refused to confirm the visit."

"We are continuing to consult with the government of Japan about Sgt. Jenkins's case," embassy spokesman Michael Boyle said.

"If anything is going on, it is within the context of our consultations on this case, which are at many levels."

Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi said he had not been told of the hospital meeting, but added, "I think it is part of our efforts to find a solution that satisfies both Japan and the United States."

U.S. Ambassador to Japan Howard Baker echoed Koizumi's remarks but expressed impatience with the lack of progress.

"I think and I hope that Mr. Jenkins will face up to the reality that there has to be an effort to deal with the situation. It cannot go on indefinitely," he told reporters.

Alleged deserter's nephew out to prove uncle innocent

BY GINNY PARKER
AND PHRED DVORAK
The Wall Street Journal

TOKYO — James Hyman remembers his Uncle Robert as a young man in a green Army uniform about 40 years ago. His uncle took him to Woolworth's to buy a cap gun. The next year, in 1965, Uncle Robert disappeared while patrolling the demilitarized zone between North and South Korea.

Hyman was told some years later that his uncle, Charles Robert Jenkins, had defected to North Korea. But Hyman has never believed that. And for much of his adult life, Hyman, who will be 44 years old on Sunday, has been crusading to find Uncle Robert and to see him again.

Now, Hyman's goal may be within reach. A bizarre chain of events — including kidnappings, a cross-cultural marriage and the machinations of a zealous Japanese television network — have brought uncle and nephew to Tokyo at the same time. Jenkins, now 64, is in a Tokyo

hospital undergoing medical tests. Hyman, a North Korea firefighter, came to Tokyo to meet him and to bring a message back to Jenkins's 91-year-old mother.

Almost a week after arriving in Tokyo, Hyman still is waiting anxiously for a reunion.

Meeting his uncle, he says, will be the culmination of a life-long quest that began when he learned about the desertion charges from his father at age 13. He has set up a Web site about his uncle and has undertaken a petition drive seeking clemency.

Hyman and his wife, Shir-Lee, have filled four thick binders with faxes they have sent to lawmakers and others asserting Mr. Jenkins's innocence. "My life is based on finding my uncle," says Hyman.

The Japanese government has sequestered Jenkins at the hospital while the U.S. decides when — and whether — to pursue a court-martial. Hyman still doesn't know whether he will get permission to see his uncle; he hopes to hear something today.

U.S. still awaiting N. Korea's response to latest nuke offer

BY JOSEPH COLEMAN
The Associated Press

TOKYO — The United States is waiting for a "substantive" North Korean response to Washington's recent proposal to verify and end the North's nuclear weapons programs, a senior U.S. official said Friday.

Washington made the proposal in June at a six-nation conference on North Korea held in Beijing, calling for a step-by-step dismantling of the North's declared and undeclared nuclear weapons programs in exchange for economic aid.

"The North Koreans didn't really give a substantive response. They are studying the matter," said John R. Bolton, undersecretary of state for arms control and international security.

"I would think the ball is in North Korea's court now," Bolton told reporters as U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, adding that Washington expects a response in the next round of talks, still unscheduled.

Bolton was in Japan for talks with Japanese foreign policy and defense officials. He was in South Korea, earlier in the week.

North Korea is offering a nuclear freeze in exchange for energy assistance and a lifting of sanc-

tions — including removal from the U.S. list of state sponsors of terrorism.

But Bolton said only a commitment to dismantle nuclear programs would meet U.S. demands.

He also said Washington was operating on the assumption that President Bush would win a second term in office in November, and he urged the North Koreans not to drag their feet hoping for a change in the U.S. government.

"It would be a mistake for North Korea to stall or to try to stall for our election," he said. "We're prepared to proceed with the six-party talks."

The conference in June was the third round of North Korea talks, which also involved South Korea, the United States, Russia, Japan and China.

Bolton also urged the North to follow the Libyan model of dismantling its nuclear programs by declaring its "strategic decision" to give up its pursuit of weapons of mass destruction.

Such a decision could then be quickly followed up by international inspections and removal of weapons productions materials and arsenals without further negotiation, he said.

"That could be the way ahead both for North Korea and Iran," Bolton said.

Building collapses in Manila



An eight-story office building that was leaning precariously for days in one of Manila's busy commercial districts, collapses Friday, hours after occupants fled in panic following creaking sounds and bursting water pipes. No injuries were reported but the incident damaged another building across the street.

AP

China tells United States to cease selling weapons to Taiwan military

The Associated Press

BEIJING — China told the top U.S. military commander for East Asia on Friday that Washington must stop selling weapons to Taiwan and end its military exchanges with the self-ruled island.

The comments by Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing to Adm. Thomas Fargo added to recent Chinese pressure on the United States to end military support for Taiwan, which Beijing claims as

part of its territory.

Li demanded that Washington "halt its arms sales to Taiwan and stop its relevant military exchanges aiming to upgrade [its] substantial relationship with Taiwan," the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

Li told Fargo that was the only way to maintain "steady development" of U.S.-Chinese relations and that the United States must "clearly understand the seriousness and sensitiveness of the Tai-

wan situation."

U.S. officials didn't immediately comment.

Chinese leaders appealed to National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice when she visited Beijing two weeks ago for an end to U.S. sales of unspecified "advanced weapons." The Xinhua report on Li's comments Friday appeared to refer to all arms sales. China and Taiwan have been ruled separately since splitting amid civil war in 1949.

Indonesia court: Anti-terror laws unconstitutional

BY LELY T. DIJUHARI
The Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia — An Indonesian court ruled Friday that tough anti-terror laws passed last year could not be used retroactively, a decision that raises the possibility of fresh appeals by 32 militants convicted in the 2002 Bali bombings.

The Constitutional Court's 5-4 decision also could complicate efforts to prosecute others awaiting trial in the bombings that killed 202 people, mostly foreigners. Among them is Abu Bakar Bashir, the alleged head of Jemaah Islamiyah, the al-Qaida linked terror group blamed for the attacks. Thirty-two Bali bombers have been convicted under the anti-terror laws that were rushed through Parliament in the months after the Oct. 12, 2002, attack. The laws gave investigators broader powers, allowed for the death penalty and categorized terrorism as an extraordinary crime.

Three have been sentenced to death, while 29 others have been sentenced to between three years and life imprisonment.

The court on Friday declined to throw out their convictions.

However, the decision could have an impact on their future appeals.

"Of course, it's a victory because our petition to reject the retroactivity of the law was granted," said Adnan Wirawan, a lawyer representing convicted Bali bombers, most of whom are challenging the use of the anti-terror laws.

"Based on the testaments from the Constitutional Court, my guess is that they will throw out any Bali bombing (appeal) brought to the Supreme Court."

Alleged Jemaah Islamiyah leader Bashir is being held in police custody awaiting trial on charges he was involved in a string of attacks, including the Bali bombings. Authorities had planned to use the anti-terror law against him.

"I think it's difficult to bring Bashir to the court based on the anti-terrorism law," said his lawyer, Mahendradatta, who uses only one name. "He must be released immediately. If the police respect this rule, they must release him. If they don't release, we will use the civil police."

Prosecutors are now likely to use the country's criminal code to bring him to court. Bashir was sentenced under the criminal code two years ago, but authorities failed to convict him on charges he led the terror group.



Neon lights up the largest shopping district in Shanghai, China. China is rationing power to a second straight summer of blackouts.

Cut the lights

Power crisis forces China to conserve

BY SHASHANK BENGALI
Knight Ridder Newspapers

SHANGHAI — In China's famous city of lights, the nighttime skyline is dim, fancy new lighting schemes are on hold, and the neon signs along the famous riverfront could go dark at any moment.

As the country grapples with its worst electricity shortages in 20 years, cities across China are conserving power to ward off a second straight summer of widespread blackouts.

In Shanghai, the nation's commercial capital, more than 5,000 companies have been ordered to shift production to nights and weekends. Fewer lights shine overnight in downtown high-rises, many escalators sit idle and some businesses have set their thermostats to a toasty 79 degrees or higher.

And when the temperature hits 95 degrees, city officials pull the plug on all the signs and decorative lighting adorning the riverfront drive known as the Bund, Shanghai's symbol of modernity, where the billboard advertising is among the most expensive in the world.

Japan suicide rate hit record high in 2003

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Suicides in Japan soared to an all-time high last year, topping 34,000 deaths in a trend fueled by health and financial troubles, the government reported Friday.

Suicides rose 7.1 percent to 34,427 in 2003 — the highest number on record since police began taking statistics in 1978, the National Police Agency report said.

Health problems were still believed to be the leading cause for suicides, accounting for about 45 percent of cases — roughly level with recent years.

But suicides related to economic troubles reached a new high,

exceeding 8,000 for the first time, a police spokesman said. A total of 8,900 suicides were believed linked to debts, slow business, unemployment and other financial woes.

While Japan's economy has shown signs of a sustainable recovery recently, more than a decade of sluggish growth has lifted joblessness and forced large numbers of people into bankruptcy. Unemployment was 4.6 percent in May, though it has been dropping.

"It's severe," Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi told reporters Friday when asked about the report. "We will continue to make efforts to improve our economic situation."

Japan lifts cloning ban

TOKYO — The government's top science council voted Friday to adopt policy recommendations that would permit limited cloning of human embryos for scientific research in Japan, an official said.

Japan banned human cloning in 2001, but has permitted researchers to use human embryos that aren't produced by cloning.

The recommendations would let researchers produce and use cloned human embryos — but only for basic research — said Tomohiko Arai, an official at the Cabinet's Council for Science and Technology Policy. The cloning won't be allowed for use in treating human patients.

China millionaire killed

SHANGHAI, China — A Chinese tycoon was killed in a bombing as he mania out over what he felt was unfair compensation for shutting down his business, state media reported Friday.

The alleged assailant, a farmer identified as Zhang Mingqun, also died in Wednesday's blast at businessman Ge Junming's office, the Western Metropolitan Daily and other newspapers reported. Five people were injured, the reports said.

Ge's death was being treated as a murder because Zhang left behind a 30-page letter saying why he committed the attack, the newspaper said.

North Korean defectors

SEOUL — Up to 400 North Koreans will travel to South Korea next week in what would be the single largest group allowed to defect to the capitalist South, news reports said Friday.

Human rights groups have said that hundreds of North Koreans were living in Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia and other Southeast Asian countries after fleeing their hunger-stricken communist homeland through China and wanted a chance to travel to South Korea.

Seoul's daily Kyunghyang Shinmun, quoting unnamed government sources, reported Friday that South Korea has struck a deal with an unidentified Asian country to allow 300-400 North Koreans living in hiding in that country to travel to the South next week.

Crossing the channel

FOLKESTONE, England — Connecticut marathon swimmer Peter Jurzynski has completed his 11th trip across the English channel in a time of more than 17 hours.

Jurzynski battled through a squall before reaching the beach at Cap Blanc-nez in northern France on Thursday night, Mike Oran, honorary secretary of the Channel Swimming and Piloting Federation and Jurzynski's pilot, said Friday.

Jurzynski's time of 17 hours 18 minutes was slower than last year, when he completed the 21 miles in 14 hours and 57 minutes.

From wire reports

N. Korean writer awarded by South

BY SO HYUN LEE
The Associated Press

SEOUL — A 63-year-old North Korean novelist won a South Korean literary prize this week for a work about the tragic love life of a female entertainer centuries ago. It was the first time a North Korean writer has won such a prize since the division of the Korean Peninsula in 1945.

Hong Seok Jung, 63, won the prize for "Hwang Jin Yi," a novel published in the North Korean capital of Pyongyang that was made available in South Korea in February.

The story tells of "Kiseng," or female dancer and singer, during Korea's Chosun Dynasty centuries ago. The entertainer, Hwang Jin Yi, is the daughter of a government official of high social class who falls in love with a servant.

However, the lovers are divided by the strict social rules of the day, and the servant is eventually killed by his detractors.

Hong won the 19th Manhae Prize for Literature, which was established by publisher Changgiak & Bipeongsong Co. in 1973. With a 10 million won (\$8,620) prize, it is one of the most coveted literary awards in South Korea.

It was unclear whether Hong would be able to come to Seoul to collect his award.

The judges accepted works from outside South Korea, as long as they were written in Korean.

The novel "Hwang Jin Yi" is very different from other North Korean literature in that it contains straightforward descriptions of sexual love, which is very unusual, "the judging committee said in a statement.

The author "uses liberal, rich expressions and vocabulary of both North and South Korean dialects, which is excellent in terms of promoting the Korean language," it added.

IN THE STATES

Report details motivation, mindset of 9/11 planners

BY SUSAN SCHMIDT

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — If the mastermind of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, which had known that Zacarias Moussoui, an al-Qaida operative now charged as a conspirator in the plot, had been arrested in August, he might have canceled the mission.

Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the main strategist behind the attacks, did not find out until after Sept. 11 that Moussoui was jailed in Minnesota on immigration charges.

That revelation, from a U.S. interrogation of one of Mohammed's top deputies, Ramzi Binalshibh, is among many new details about the planning and execution of the attacks contained in the 567-page report of the commission investigating the attacks and the government's response, which was released Thursday.

Rich in specifics, the report draws on intelligence reports not previously made public, including information drawn from CIA interrogations of high-level al-Qaida operatives that reveal new information on the plans, motives and mind-set of the terrorists involved in the attacks, as well as others at the organization's highest levels.

The commission members believe Moussoui was to have been among the Sept. 11 hijackers, although Binalshibh has called him a poor candidate who was needed only to fill out a shaky roster. Mohammed has told interrogators that Moussoui was going to be part of a second wave of attacks, the report said.

The commission report provides similar glimpses of other terrorists associated with the attacks, including Mohammed, who is referred to in the report as "KSM," and who promoted the idea of using the jetliners as missiles.

Mohammed originally conceived of crashing nine airliners while he would hijack a 10th himself, killing the male passengers and landing to give a speech "excoriating" repressive Arab governments and U.S. support for Israel.

"Beyond KSM's rationalizations about targeting the U.S. economy, this vision gives a better glimpse of its true ambitions. This is theater, a spectacle of destruction with KSM as the self-styled star—the superterrorist," the report said.

Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri, who became head of al-Qaida operations on the Arabian Peninsula, was "so extreme in his ferocity in

waging jihad" that he would commit a terrorist act inside the holiest mosque in Mecca if he thought there were a need, according to interviews with captured terrorists, the report quoted Nashiri, who reported directly to bin Laden, overestimated the 2000 bombing of the USS Cole in Yemen.

Despite the attention bin Laden has received from U.S. officials, the report found that not all those working with him have accorded him undivided devotion.

Nashiri was asked to swear loyalty to bin Laden but "found the notion distasteful and refused," the report said. He was not alone. Mohammed also refused, as did Hambali, the powerful leader of Southeast Asia's Jemaah Islamiyah terrorist network who accepted bin Laden's offer in 1998 to form an alliance "in waging war against Christians and Jews."

Mohammed and his nephew, Ramzi Yousef, began talking about plots to hijack U.S. airliners and crash them into buildings after the 1993 World Trade Center bombing—for which Yousef was later convicted. Bin Laden signed on in concept in the spring of 1999.

The report reveals that the target bin Laden was most interested in hitting was the White House,

A jet liner is lined up on one of the World Trade Center towers in New York on Sept. 11, 2001. Among the many new details in the report published Thursday by the Sept. 11 commission is that the hijackers planned to crash the airliners into the streets of New York if they could not hit the towers.

even though hijacker leader Mohammed Atta thought it was too difficult and preferred the Capitol.

At a meeting in Spain in July 2001, Binalshibh told Atta that bin Laden wanted the attacks "carried out as soon as possible because he was worried about having so many operatives in the United States." In early August, Atta communicated to Binalshibh that the attacks would be launched in the first

week of September, when Congress reconvenes." Atta said he and Marwan Al-Shehhi would pilot airliners into the World Trade Center, and crash them on the streets of New York if they could not hit the towers.

Atta had considered "targeting a nuclear facility he had seen during familiarization flights near New York," but others in the hijack plot feared they would be shot down in restricted airspace.

Panel concludes hijackers crashed jet before cockpit was breached

BY TED BRIDIS

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Passengers aboard United Airlines Flight 93 feared the hijackers but never actually made it into the cockpit, the Sept. 11 commission concluded.

The assertion, included in the panel's dramatic summary of the harrowing flight, contradicts the firmly held belief by some victims' families that passengers breached the cockpit and fought with the hijackers inside during their final moments.

In phone calls from the plane, four passengers said they and others planned to fight the hijackers after learning of the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York earlier that morning.

With the words "Let's roll," passengers rushed down the airplane's narrow aisle to try to overwhelm the hijackers.

Relying on the cockpit recorder and flight data, the commission said, first-pilot Ziad Jarrah violently rocked the jet's wings and told another hijacker to block the door. With the sounds of fighting outside the cockpit, Jarrah asked, "Is that it? Shall we finish it off?"

Another hijacker, who wasn't identified, replied, "No, not yet. When they all come, we finish it off."

Jarrah then began pitching the nose of the plane up and down to throw passengers off balance.

Seconds later, a passenger who wasn't identified yelled, "In the cockpit! If we don't, we die!" And 16 seconds afterward, another passenger yelled, "Roll it!"

Investigators previously have said they believe passengers tried to use a food cart to break the cockpit door.

Jarrah said, "Allah is the greatest! Allah is the greatest!" and he asked his fellow hijacker, "Is that it? I mean, shall we put it down?"

The other hijacker answered, "Yes, put it in, and pull it down." Roughly 90 seconds later, the jet rolled onto its back and crashed into a Pennsylvania field at more than 580 mph, killing everyone aboard.

The commission concluded that the hijackers remained at the controls of the plane, "but must have judged that the passengers were only seconds from overcoming them."

Plots suggest outdated methods no match for creative terrorists

BY CURT ANDERSON

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Creativity. Imagination. Thinking outside the box.

The report from the Sept. 11 commission makes abundantly clear that al-Qaida terrorists, tragically, had those abilities and the U.S. government did not.

The commission's final report describes an out-of-touch bureaucracy that relied on outdated intelligence-gathering methods set up to combat the Soviet Union. It was overmatched by a flexible band of committed terrorists who meticulously located and exploited America's weaknesses.

On Sept. 4, 2001, former White House counterterrorism aide Richard Clarke argued in a memo that the Bush administration, just like the Clinton administration, had yet to come to grips with al-Qaida. "Are we serious about dealing with the al-Qaida threat? Is al-Qaida a big deal?" Clarke wrote to Condoleezza Rice, Bush's national security adviser.

As evidence mounted in the summer of 2001 that al-Qaida was planning a major strike inside the United States, "we do not believe leaders understood the gravity of the threat," the report said. "The most important failure was one of imagination," it said.

Headquartered in dusty camps

in Afghanistan al-Qaida was able to launch a campaign of highly educated Islamic militants brimming with unusual ideas about attacking the West.

Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, the mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks who now is in U.S. custody, has told his interrogators of a multitude of other potential plots: poisoning of drinking water reservoirs; simultaneous bombing of several trans-Pacific commercial flights; using crop dusters to spray chemicals or biological agents; filling apartments with natural gas to be detonated by remote control; and bombing cargo flights using dolls wearing clothes concealing nitrocellulose explosives.

"We just didn't get it in this country," said Lee Hamilton, co-chairman of the Sept. 11 commission and a former Democratic congressman from Indiana. "We could not comprehend that people wanted to kill us."

The FBI, CIA and other agencies kept the public in the dark about the threat. They also didn't share what they had with each other, the report said. The model for the future might be found in the past. The commission said that a major exception to the government's intelligence-sharing problems came in December 1999, when there were intense warnings of a possible terrorist strike timed to the 2000 millennium celebrations.

During those weeks, sensitive foreign intelligence found its way to airport managers and local police. High government officials were fully engaged and the public was made aware through multiple government statements.

One terrorist, Ahmed Ressam, was arrested at the U.S.-Canada border after a Customs officer caught him trying to bring explosives to bomb the Los Angeles International Airport.

After the threat passed, the government went back to its old ways. Then came the four hijacked planes.

Said commission chairman Thomas Keen: "We do believe we are safer today than we were on 9/11. But we are not safe."

9/11 victims' families conflicted

Panel's efforts praised, but delay, conclusions draw ire

BY JOHN HENDREN
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — As the Sept. 11 commission issued its findings Thursday, many of the families of those who died in the 2001 terror attacks voiced anger at the 14 months it took to look into the deaths of 3,000 people. They spoke of their fury that no individual was held accountable and of their ire that the commission discounted the idea that firefighters died in the World Trade Center because of faulty radios.

But all seemed to agree on one point: The commission, led by former New Jersey Gov. Thomas H. Kean, showed deference to the grieving families as it aggressively probed the deadliest terror attacks on U.S. soil. "As far as I'm concerned, that was the best man for the job," said Nikki Stern, executive director of the group Families of September 11, of Kean.

Rather than merely providing fodder for the 2004 election, the report "displays a remarkable consensus and a remarkable willingness to submerge the ego on the part of a greater good," said Stern,

whose husband, Jim Potorti, died in the north tower of the World Trade Center.

In offering praise, family members were thanking a commission created largely because of their own efforts. The Bush administration and Congress had been reluctant to authorize the panel and did so, 14 months after the attacks, only amid pressure from victims' families in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania.

Many family members expressed the cautious hope that the commission's findings would lead to change. But they also noted that those hopes were based on the uncertain prospect that government officials would follow up on the series of nonbinding recommendations from the commission.

"They're happy, because it's the only game in town," said Sally Reganhard of the Skyscraper Safety Campaign, referring to the family members' perception that the panel is the only government entity probing the attacks.

"The commissioners throughout this arduous process showed a great deal of compassion, respect and concern for the families of the



Family members of victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks Kristen Breitweiser, left, and Lorie Van Auken look at the Sept. 11 commission report during the final hearing on Thursday in Washington. Breitweiser lost her husband, Ronald, and Van Auken lost her husband, Kenneth, in the World Trade Center attacks.

victims. And while doing that they always honored our loved ones who died," said Reganhard, whose son, probationary firefighter Christian Michael Otto Reganhard, was killed in New York.

Few surviving relatives expressed confidence that the panel's work would ensure that some other family would avoid similar suffering. But many held out hope.

For Tom Roger, whose

24-year-old daughter, Jean, was a flight attendant on American Airlines Flight 11, which crashed into the north tower, there is hope that in future attacks someone will have to take responsibility.

"Truman said: 'The buck stops here.' But certainly with George W. Bush the buck stops nowhere," he said. "That attitude is so pervasive throughout government that it's no wonder it's weren't dotted and t's weren't crossed."

9/11 findings selling big at bookstores

BY MARY MCNAMARA
Los Angeles Times

A half a million copies of "The 9-11 Commission Report" arrived at bookstores across the United States on Thursday, and many booksellers found themselves selling the \$10 paperback almost as fast as they could unpack them.

Vroman's in Pasadena, Calif., sold out by noon. Customers of Politics and Prose in Washington, D.C., bought 60 copies in about four hours. The Tattered Cover in Denver didn't unpack its shipment until close to 1 p.m. although reserve copies were sold even before they filled the shelves.

The report hit the No. 1 spot on the Barnes & Noble online site and No. 2 on Amazon.com, remarkable for a book that had little advance publicity.

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Convention speakers list

A preliminary schedule of prime-time speakers at the Democratic National Convention, July 26-29:

■ **Monday: The Kerry-Edwards Plan for America's Future.** David Alston, Vietnam swift boat crewmate of John Kerry; Rep. Tammy Baldwin, D-Wis.; former President Carter, former President Clinton; Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y.; Former Vice President Al Gore; Rep. Steny Hoyer, D-Md.; Democratic Party Chairman Terry McAuliffe; Rep. Kendrick Meek, D-Fla.; Rep. Robert Menendez, D-N.J.; Thomas Menino, mayor of Boston; Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., joined by all Democratic women senators; Rep. Stephanie Tubbs-Jones, D-Ohio; Rep. Jim Turner, D-Texas

■ **Tuesday: A Lifetime of Strength & Service.** Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D.; Howard Dean; Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill.; James Forbes, senior minister at Riverside Church, New York City; Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Mo.; Chris Heinz, stepson of John Kerry; Teresa Heinz Kerry, wife of John Kerry; Rep. Mike Honda, D-Calif.; Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass.; Rep. Jim Langevin, D-R.I.; Carol Mosley Braun, Janet Napolitano, governor of Arizona; Barack Obama, U.S. Senate candidate from Illinois; Ron Reagan, son of former President Reagan; Christie Vissack, first lady of Iowa; Ilana Wexler, 13-year-old founder of Kids for Kerry.

■ **Wednesday: A Stronger More Secure America.** Steve Brozak, Ret. Lt. Col., USMC, House candidate from New Jersey; Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md.; Cate Edwards, daughter of John Edwards; Elizabeth Edwards, wife of John Edwards; vice presidential candidate John Edwards; Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla.; Jennifer Granholm, governor of Michigan; Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio; Rep. Greg Meeks, D-N.Y.; Martin O'Malley, mayor of Baltimore; Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev.; Ed Rendell, governor of Pennsylvania; Bill Richardson, governor of New Mexico; Al Sharpton.

■ **Thursday: Stronger at Home, Respected in the World.** Madeleine Albright, former Secretary of State; Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del.; Wesley Clark, former Sen. Max Cleland, D-Ga.; Rep. James Clyburn, D-S.C.; Alexandra Kerry, daughter of John Kerry; presidential candidate John Kerry; Vanessa Kerry, daughter of John Kerry; Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn.; Rep. Ed Markey, D-Mass.; Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald, D-Calif.; Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton, D-District of Columbia; House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.; Jim Rasmussen, Green Beret rescued by John Kerry in Vietnam; Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-N.Y., joined by congressional women; John Sweeney, president of AFL-CIO; Mark Warner, governor of Virginia.

From The Associated Press

History-rich Boston ready for DNC party

BY KAREN TESTA
The Associated Press

BOSTON — This is a city of contradictions. It is the cradle of patriotism, a centuries-old haven for immigrants seeking freedom from religious persecution, the site of Paul Revere's historic ride, the Boston Tea Party and home port to the USS Constitution.

It is also the place where terrorists commandeered the two passenger planes they would later use as missiles to destroy the World Trade Center towers.

It is a city with puritan roots. Yet it has taken the lead in some of the most progressive social reforms in America, from the abolition of slavery to feminism to gay marriage.

As Democrats stage their national convention here, they will rely heavily on the rich history of Boston, on its working-class image and

on its disparate neighborhoods to illustrate the party's agenda for the nation.

"One of the reasons we picked Boston is it is such a diverse city," said Terry McAuliffe, chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

There's a lot to choose from, well beyond the clam "chowdah," baseball's Fenway Park and historic Faneuil Hall.

From its Old North Church a sexton hung two lanterns to warn that the British were coming by sea, launching Revere's famous ride. Boston Common is America's oldest public park, and Samuel Adams gave the signal to



Menino

proceed with the Boston Tea Party from the Old South Meeting House.

"Boston really is the bedrock of American history," said Mayor Thomas M. Menino, who spearheaded the effort to bring the convention to the city. It has revolutionized its economic system time and again, first making its life from the sea, with fishing and shipping. It then expanded to include textiles, banking and the railroad.

Boston has 68 colleges and universities as well as state-of-the-art medical and research centers. It is a leader in technology and venture capital.

"These are phenomenal changes, and yet Boston continues to look the same," O'Connor said.

Part of the reason is that many of Boston's oldest buildings remain vital parts of the city and links to its past — from historic sites to Fenway Park.

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Membership counts.

Kerry seeks to open up

Candidate aims to show more personality at convention

By NEDRA PICKLER

The Associated Press

DENVER — As John Kerry winds his way across the country and ultimately to Boston to accept the Democratic presidential nomination next week, he'll be talking more about something he hasn't discussed much in his campaign — John Kerry.

Kerry's campaign has been more about what President Bush has done wrong and which policies Kerry would implement to do better.

Kerry does not typically open up about himself personally, and it's part of the reason Americans don't know much about him.

Many Democrats say he needs to reveal more of himself if he's

going to win over voters. Besides, they say, his biography may be his best asset — particularly his lauded service in the Vietnam War.

But the Bush campaign has spent millions of dollars on ads criticizing Kerry's voting record that may leave more voters with the impression that he's a flip-flopper than the Democrat's preferred identity as a war hero. Kerry's mission at the Democratic National Convention is to try to change that impression.

Kerry's primary identity has been as a Massachusetts senator with 20 years of votes, some that Kerry touts and some that President Bush has tried to use against him. During the convention, Kerry hopes to move beyond his Senate voting record to define

himself as a husband, father, combat veteran, tough prosecutor, national security expert, outdoorsman and man of faith, according to a campaign message document.

Kerry was kicking off his pre-convention tour Friday at Fitzsimons Army Hospital in Aurora, Colo., where he was born 61 years ago in December and lived for his first three months. At a speech later in Denver, Kerry planned to talk about the values he learned from his parents.

His father, Richard, volunteered to serve during World War II and was stationed in Colorado when Kerry was born. His mother, Rosemary, led his Boy Scout troop, volunteered at a hospital and started a recycling program before they were a community staple.

Both of his parents are now dead. Kerry choked up when ABC News anchor Peter Jennings asked him in an interview Thursday if he wished they could be there to see him get the nomination next week.

This is an emotional side of Kerry that he rarely shows publicly. At campaign stops he often asks voters personal questions about their health, their age and even their income, but he doesn't reveal much about his own feelings or share personal stories. He usually leaves that duty to people who campaign with him, including his children, his wife and his former Navy crewmates from the Vietnam.

Poll: Bush, Kerry running even

WASHINGTON — Despite dissatisfaction with the country's direction and the administration's principal policies, the presidential race remains a virtual dead heat as the Democratic convention approaches, a Los Angeles Times poll has found.

Sen. John F. Kerry, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, leads President Bush by 2 percentage points among registered voters nationwide, with or without liberal independent candidate Ralph Nader included in the matchup.

That's an advantage within the poll's margin of error, and a smaller lead than Kerry enjoyed in a Times survey last month. But other poll findings show narrow — and in some instances broad — majorities unhappy with Bush's direction, a threatening trend for an incumbent.

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Andrea Duquette, right, and Ashley Perry, are shown with the Electoral College Sportsware and Accessories mascot El, next to a display of the clothing company's fashions. With the Democratic National Convention set to start Monday in Boston, the two women who run the company are ready to pitch their products to a city full of political junkies.

Cashing in on the electoral process

By CLARKE CANFIELD

The Associated Press

BANGOR, Maine — The presidential campaigns rev up every four years. So do sales at a small clothing company that seeks to cash in on the hullabaloo of presidential junkies.

Electoral College Sportsware and Accessories sells T-shirts, sweat shirts, hats and other items bearing the "Electoral College" name and seal in a style similar to real institutions like Notre Dame, Harvard and others.

With the Democratic National Convention set to start Monday in Boston, the two women who run the company are ready to pitch their products to a city full of Democratic die-hards and political junkies.

On Sunday, they will take a U-Haul loaded with 6,000 items that they'll sell near the Fleet Center, where the convention is being held. To play up the collegiate theme, they'll wear cheerleader outfits and hold "pep rallies."

They'll also be in New York for the Republican National Convention.

Electoral College Sportsware was started 10 years ago by political buffs John and Marcia Diamond. John Diamond is a former state representative who is now executive director of external affairs for the University of Maine System. Marcia Diamond is a former deputy press secretary for former Maine Sen. George Mitchell.

The company enjoyed a modicum of success during the 1996 election. But it was during the 2000 election season when sales notably climbed.

With the election between George W. Bush and Al Gore in limbo for weeks, the public became more mindful of the Electoral College system, and Electoral College Sportsware's sales soared.

Today, Electoral College is owned by the Diamonds and other investors. Duquette and Perry, who earned graduate degrees from the University of Maine in May, were hired to run the company.

They may be just 24 and 23, but Duquette and Perry are executive vice presidents and have an equity stake in the company.

Edwards, Reagan memorabilia in demand

By AVERY JOHNSON

The Wall Street Journal

The early returns are in: To turn a buck on political memorabilia this election year, items featuring John Edwards and Ronald Reagan are hot, but Howard Dean and Ralph Nader are not.

The July 6 New York Post front page that goaded in announcing Dick Gephardt as John Kerry's running mate is red hot, as is a signed copy of Bill Clinton's autobiography. And signed copies of Sen. Hillary Clinton's autobiography trade at more than \$100. But most political buttons are downright cold.

candidates who won and on items that are in short supply. After the last hanging chad had been counted in the 2000 election, the must-have artifact was a Florida voting machine, auctioned on eBay for \$300 to \$600 apiece.

Robert Levine, a collector and dealer from Manchester, Mo., explains the calculus at a recent American Political Items Collectors' gathering in Hagerstown, Md. He grabs a 3-inch-tall ceramic elephant labeled "Hoover" from his display table. It is priced at \$50, largely because any old presidential ceramic item generally goes for about that much, he says.

"This is all about grabbing a piece of history," he says.

Dealers suggest focusing on

House: Terrorist threats won't postpone election

BY MALIA RULON

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House said Thursday it will not back any attempts to postpone this year's presidential elections due to terrorist threats or attacks.

Lawmakers voted 419-2 in support of a congressional resolution from Rep. Bob Ney, R-Ohio, that also says no agency or individual should be given the authority to postpone the date of a national election, which will be held this year on Nov. 2.

The House action comes after the chairman of a federal commis-

sion on voting suggested to congressional leaders last week that there should be a process for canceling or rescheduling an election interrupted by terrorism. National security adviser Condoleezza Rice has said the administration is considering no such plan.

Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge recently warned that intelligence indicates that the al-Qaida terrorist network wants to disrupt the upcoming elections. Some lawmakers were concerned that postponing an election would make the country look vulnerable. Others worried that an election could be postponed for political purposes.

Ney, who is chairman of the House Administration Committee, says it was necessary for the House to "end such talk immediately."

The resolution had 81 co-sponsors, including House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill.

"This resolution will send a message around our nation and around the world that the United States will not be bullied by terrorism," Hastert said.

Unlike a bill, a House resolution is not binding and does not have the force of law. It merely expresses the sentiment of members of the House.

Teachers hope astronaut roles inspire children

BY BILL KACZOR

The Associated Press

PENSACOLA, Florida — Three American teachers chosen to become astronauts said their main mission is to inspire school children and the public to become enthusiastic about space exploration, science and technology.

The teachers are among eight U.S. and three Japanese astronaut candidates who next week will complete the first phase of their NASA training at Pensacola Naval Air Station.

"That's really almost an added bonus if I get to go up," Joe Acaba, 36, an elementary school math and science teacher from Dunnellon, Fla., said Thursday. "By going through the entire training process, working with the astronauts and learning the program, I'm in a better position to really bring that back to the kids."

His sentiments were echoed by Ricky Arnold, 40, a Cheverly, Md., native who was teaching math and science in Bucharest, Romania, when he was selected and Dottie Metcalf-Lindenburger, a secondary school science teacher from Vancouver, Wash.

"Science and math and technology are what made this country what it is," Arnold said. "We need kids who will not only fulfill the pipeline for employees to NASA but also to maintain the lead in technology."

The nation's first teacher-astronaut, Christa McAuliffe, was killed when the shuttle Challenger exploded in 1986. Another teacher, Barbara Morgan, 52, of McCall, Idaho, has been training in Houston since 1998 and is scheduled for a space flight in 2006.

NASA's shuttles have been grounded since the Co-



Japanese teacher-astronauts Dr. Satoshi Furukawa, left, and Naoko Yamazaki, right, join American counterparts, from left, Dottie Metcalf-Lindenburger, Dr. Bobby Satcher and Joe Acaba for a media briefing Thursday at Pensacola Naval Air Station.

lumbia disintegrated on re-entry last year and flights are not expected to resume until next year at the earliest.

The other U.S. astronauts training here are Navy Lt. Cmdr. Chris Cassidy, 34, a Salem, Mass., native stationed at Norfolk, Va.; NASA engineer Joe Hernandez, 41, of Houston; Dr. Tom Marshburn, 43, a NASA flight surgeon from League City, Texas; Dr. Bobby Satcher, 38, a physician from Oak Park, Ill., and an assistant professor at the Northwestern University Medical Center, and NASA engineer Shannon Walker, 38, from Houston.

All have received basic flight and water survival training for the past month as mission specialists. They next will receive land survival training in Maine and advanced flight training in Texas.

The Japanese astronauts are Dr. Satoshi Furukawa, a physician from Kanagawa Prefecture, Aikihiko Hoshide of Tokyo, and engineer Naoko Yamazaki, a native of Matsudo City.

to monitor distribution.

Boucher said the WFP has told U.S. officials that the North Koreans have allowed an increased number of monitoring visits to distribution sites in the country. Also, he said, WFP evaluations of food security conditions have been more frequent.

But, Boucher said, North Korea "still falls short of meeting international standards for humanitarian access that are accepted by other recipients of international food assistance."

The WFP has issued a global appeal for 484,000 metric tons of food deliveries for North Korea this year.

Nuke alarm shut off

VERNON, Vt. — A portion of the emergency alert system at the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant was inadvertently shut off by an electric company line worker last week, officials say.

It was several days before the plant, as well as state and local officials, corrected the problem.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission said Thursday it was launching a special investigation into the lapse and would send a specialist in emergency alert systems to Vermont to investigate.

An emergency generator switched on when the system was disconnected last Friday. But an alert that the generator was running — a signal that something was wrong — apparently never reached state, federal or plant officials.

The system was completely down for about 14 hours after the generator used up its propane.

Greenpeace charged

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Alaska prosecutors have accused Greenpeace of breaking environmental laws, citing the activist group's ship for not submitting oil spill prevention documents before entering state waters.

The Greenpeace ship Arctic Sunrise, with 27 activists on board, is touring Southeast Alaska to protest logging in the Tongass National Forest.

Department of Law spokesman Mark Monroes said the misdemeanor charges were filed Thursday.

Virginia man executed

JARRATT, Va. — A man who fatally shot his wife and 2-year-old son was put to death by injection Thursday night.

Asked by the warden if he had any final words, Mark W. Bailey said in a clear, strong voice, "No, thank you." He was pronounced dead at 9:07 p.m. at the Greensville Correctional Center.

Gov. Mark R. Warner on Thursday evening denied Bailey's request for clemency, noting that his case had been reviewed by several courts. The Supreme Court unanimously denied Bailey's appeal Wednesday.

Bailey, 34, shot his wife three times in the head as she slept in their Hampton home in September 1998. He gunned down his son moments later as the child climbed out of bed.

Bailey, a Gulf War veteran and Navy submariner, was convicted of capital murder in July 1999.

Inmate deemed retarded

BEAUMONT, Texas — A judge ruled Friday that Texas' longest-serving death row inmate is retarded, a decision that could spare the inmate's life if upheld on appeal, officials said.

At a hearing in May, Bell's attorneys asked that his sentence be commuted to life in prison.

Judge Charles Carver's said Bell, 50, fits the Texas guidelines for mental retardation.

Bell, who arrived on death row 29 years ago, was condemned in the slayings of Ferd and Irene Chisum at their home in 1974.

District Attorney Tom Maness was not immediately available for comment Friday afternoon.

Passport extension

WASHINGTON — Countries whose citizens can enter the United States without a visa will get an extra year to provide tamperproof passports under legislation approved by the Senate and sent to President Bush for his signature.

The legislation, passed by voice vote late Thursday before Congress let for its summer recess, also gives U.S. ports of entry a year longer to install equipment and software capable of processing machine-readable entry and exit documents that contain biometric identifiers.

From The Associated Press

U.S. plans food donation to N. Korea

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States will donate 50,000 metric tons of food to North Korea to help overcome continuing shortages in that country, the State Department said Friday.

Spokesman Richard Boucher said the gesture is unrelated to U.S. efforts to negotiate the dismantling of North Korea's nuclear weapons program.

The food will be distributed by the U.N.'s World Food Program.

U.S. decisions on food aid are made on the basis of need, competing needs elsewhere, and the WFP's ability to make deliveries to vulnerable groups and

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Teenager's conviction for violent poem overturned

BY MAURA DOLAN
Los Angeles Times

SAN FRANCISCO — Declaring that school safety and free speech are "not necessarily antagonistic goals," the California Supreme Court on Thursday unanimously overturned the felony conviction of a high school student whose violence-laced poem had been deemed a criminal threat.

The ruling will clear the criminal record of a Santa Clara County teenager identified by the court as George "Julius" T., who was sentenced to 100 days in juvenile detention when he was a 15-year-old sophomore for giving classmates copies of a poem he had written that mentioned bringing guns to school.

The prosecution of the teenager attracted national attention, and several prominent writers, including Nobel Prize winner J.M. Coetzee and Pulitzer Prize winner Michael Chabon, weighed in on behalf of the young poet.

In a decision written by Justice Carlos R. Moreno, the court ruled the boy's poem did not amount to an unequivocal threat under the state's criminal threat law.

"Following Columbine, Santee and other notorious school shootings, there is a heightened sensitivity on school campuses to latent signs that a student ... may embark on a shooting rampage," Moreno wrote.

"Ensuring a safe school environment and protecting freedom of expression, however, are not necessarily antagonistic goals." The decision permits schools to continue to discipline, even expel,

students who are feared to be dangerous, but states that courts must stringently review criminal convictions that involve creative work.

Lawyers who sided with George said the ruling made clear that the artistic work of students deserves the same constitutional protection as the work of established authors and artists.

George was one of several students around the country arrested

"Ensuring a safe school environment and protecting freedom of expression... are not necessarily antagonistic goals."

Justice Carlos R. Moreno
California Supreme Court

ed for stories, poetry or art that evoked violence following the shooting at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., in 1999. George was arrested in March 2001, less than two weeks after a boy his age killed two students and injured 13 others at a school in Santee.

On the Friday before his arrest, George approached a girl in his honors English class at Santa Teresa High School in San Jose and asked her if the school had a poetry club. He had been at the school two weeks.

He also gave the girl a copy of a poem he had labeled "Dark Poetry" and entitled "Faces." He told her the poetry described him and his feelings. "Tell me if they de-

scribe you and your feelings," he told her.

"Faces" began: "Who are these faces around me? Where did they come from?"

It ended with these lines: "For I am Dark, Destructive & Dangerous. I slip on my face of happiness but inside I am evil!! For I can be the next kid to bring guns to kill students at school. So parents watch your children cuz I'm BACK!!!"

The girl became so scared she fled the campus. She e-mailed her English teacher about the poem the next day, and police went to George's home on Sunday and arrested him. George also had given his poetry to another girl, who said it terrified her.

Testifying in juvenile court, George said he never imagined the girls would take his poetry as a threat. He said he wrote "Faces" during his English class after

having a particularly bad day. His parents had forgotten to give him money for lunch, and he had misplaced something he needed, he said. He gave the poem to the girls the same day.

George had no history of violence and wrote his brooding poetry at a time when his family was broke and lived with an uncle, who had guns.

George was expelled from his school, and after serving his time in juvenile hall, attended another school while his case was on appeal.

In overturning his conviction, the state Supreme Court stressed that George wrote that he could be the next kid to bring guns to school, not that he would.



Specialist John Casey shakes the hands of students as they make their way to breakfast in January at An Achievable Dream Academy in Newport News, Va. Soldiers from Fort Eustis greet students every morning with a handshake to start the day.

Achievable dream

School pushes at-risk children to 'realize' their full potential

BY SONJA BARISIC
The Associated Press

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. — Students walk into school, greet waiting teachers with a hearty look-you-in-the-eye handshake and assemble in the gym.

There, they stand at attention, say the Pledge of Allegiance and sing the national anthem under the watch of soldiers from nearby Fort Eustis, who also inspect the kids to make sure they're wearing their proper uniforms.

A few children pass around a microphone and some teens leading the group in shouting slogans such as "I am someone special" and "Believe in yourself."

Thus began a recent day at the magnet school, which takes inner-city kids and teaches them how to set a formal table, resolve conflict and speak proper business English as well as solve a math problem. After only a five-week summer break, the students return to school Monday while most public schools in Virginia reopen in late August or September.

"What we're attempting to do is take these kids with great potential and make sure they realize it," said Walter S. Segaloff, businessman and founder of the Achievable Dream. "We want to have productive, law-abiding, educated citizens."

Standardized test scores seem to indicate the school's approach is working, with officials saying they have closed the so-called achievement gap between minority and white children.

An Achievable Dream Academy even has caught the attention of U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige, who visited in mid-June and lauded the school for demonstrating the power of education over poverty.

Other public school systems also are looking at An Achievable Dream, an urban educational model, school officials said. The Urban Learning and Leadership Center, the program's new consulting arm, has been contacted

by school systems in Maryland, Indiana, Louisiana and elsewhere.

An Achievable Dream, located in the inner city, is a partnership among the Newport News public school system, the city and the local business community. It began in 1992 as a summer education and tennis program for about 100 fourth-graders, becoming a full-time school in 1994.

Nearly 1,000 children are enrolled in the program, which consists of a preparatory school for kindergarten through second grade, An Achievable Dream Academy for third through eighth grade and a high school component.

Ninety-six percent of the students are black. Most live in the city's poorest neighborhoods and many come from single-parent households. All qualify to receive free or reduced-cost lunches when they enter the program.

Character education is the cornerstone of the program, which emphasizes integrity, honesty, courage, patriotism and respect for one's self and others. Banners with motivational phrases and school rules hang throughout the building.

"It's a safe place where you're going to be nurtured," said John Hodge, academy director.

But, he added, discipline and structure are key.

"We don't want to love children into failure," he said.

Some students said they didn't like some parts of the program, such as having to wear uniforms or sometimes having school on Saturdays.

But the kids said in interviews in June that they liked their teachers. "They don't make it hard, and we get to learn stuff," said Robby Mitchell, also 10.

They also said they liked playing the only sport at the school, tennis, which is a requirement. The idea is that tennis teaches discipline and good sportsmanship, doesn't require a lot of expensive equipment and is something the students can play throughout their lives.

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Midnight madness

All-night tech flea market draws a crowd

BY JAIME S. JORDAN

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Two men push swivel chairs with computers on them down the street. Nearby people rummage through boxes and carry large bags full of DVDs. Everybody seems to have a flashlight. A lot of people are yawning.

It's an odd scene for downtown Dallas at midnight.

But it all makes sense on the first Saturday of each month — when a high-tech flea market draws thousands of bargain hunters in search of cheap motherboards, hard drives, software and anything else.

"A lot of the appeal is that it's like a garage sale," said Dennis Redmon, an executive at a nearby computer store. "You come out and somebody wants \$100 for something. You offer them \$50 and they take \$75. We're bartering and trading and horse trading."

The flea market started about 30 years ago and usually draws about 5,000 shoppers to downtown parking lots, said Ron Ivey, one of its operators. The next sale is Aug. 7.

John Chism, president of the National Flea Market Association, said the Dallas sale is more of a promotional event than a flea market, since it's concentrated on computers, but it's "a little more unusual because of the hours. I guess in Dallas the weather allows that."

Sellers open up shop in the back of pickup trucks, small travel trailers or spread out tables under awnings.

"If you know what you're looking for you can get a really good deal," said Chris Hightower, 29, of Dallas, who had computer cable draped over his shoulder as he shopped.

And while business can be good, staying awake can be tough.

Terry Koffel, a 55-year-old vendor from Hurst who sells karaoke equipment and other odds and ends, plays the harmonica to stay awake.

"These guys out here, they're weekend warriors," he said.

"Staying up all night, I've just about had it, but I enjoy it."

The sale has evolved over the decades, starting as a swap meet for ham radio operators who would meet early Saturday mornings. As the years went on, the flea market became more high tech and vendors began staking out spots earlier each Saturday. Finally, it was pushed all the way back to midnight on Fridays.

Though it's still popular, it hasn't been attracting people as it did in its heyday about a decade ago, said Redmon, whose store sells surplus computer equipment at the flea markets. Affordable home computers have hurt sales, he said.

"Plus there's e-Bay. Who wants to load up their truck and come down here in the middle of the night when they could sit at



Jason Whatley, left, helps his son Drew, 14, shop for a birthday gift during the 1st Saturday Side Walk Sale in Dallas last month. The 1st Saturday Side Walk Sale is an all-night flea market in downtown Dallas offering computers and computer accessories as well as CDs, software, games and electronics.

home in their underwear on e-Bay?" he said.

Most vendors are legitimate, but occasionally people selling copyrighted or stolen merchandise have made their way to the market, Redmon said.

In addition to computer equipment, shoppers can find a variety of other items: tools, jewelry, candy, CDs, videos, televisions, gloves and scarves.

Buyers wanting to soup up their computers look for Tramine Clark, the owner of GT Electronics, who will build a laptop with neon lights, multicolored cases and other goodies.

For others, it's not so much the bargains as the friendships they've forged over the years that keep them coming back.

"For me it's mostly a social thing," Redmon said.

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Mastering the mouse: Are they too young?

BY ANICK JESDANUN

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Amanda Cunningham started her daughter on computers at 2½ with "Reader Rabbit" software and Web sites like Sesame Street. Like any parent, she was proud Madeline could master the mouse so young.

But Cunningham soon realized Madeline, now 4, wasn't really learning anything. She just kept clicking, dragging and playing the same games over and over. Now, she's in no rush to get her 1-year-old son, Liam, on computers or the Internet.

"I just don't see an advantage [to starting early]," said Cunningham, a former teacher who now creates reading software for elementary schools.

There's no shortage of sites and software aimed at very young kids and even toddlers. Noggin.com has games and virtual coloring books for preschoolers. A Crayola license makes handheld video games, including one where kids race in a crayon-shaped car, for 3 and up. KidMouse Inc. makes computer mice for small hands.

But there's growing debate over whether children should be exposed to technology so early. Some

parents and scholars see no benefit, and a children's even war of a hindrance to child development.

"Mental ability is gained from manipulating the three-dimensional world at that age and [from] managing your own mind and not having it managed by an electronic machine," said Jane M. Healy, author of "Failure to Connect: How Computers Affect Our Children's Minds and What We Can Do About It."

Healy said computers take children away from other developmentally activities more appropriate for their brains.

According to a 2003 survey by

the Kaiser Family Foundation, 31 percent of children age 3 and under are already using computers.

Sixteen percent use them several times a week, 21 percent can point and click with a mouse by themselves and 11 percent can turn on the computer without assistance.

Healy recommends kids stay off computers until age 7. Others suggest 3 is OK to start. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends no screen time before 2, worried youngsters may get discouraged if they talk to a computer monitor and get no response.

David Elkind, professor of child development at Tufts University, is concerned that kids are overdeveloping visual senses at the expense of touch or sound. "Children miss out on all these basic learning experiences if they are so attuned to the virtual world," he said.

Yet some researchers as well as developers of the Web sites and software aimed at young kids see nothing wrong with exposing children to technology early — as long as it's done in moderation.

"Kids need a good balance in their lives and a mix of experiences," said Peter Grunwald, whose consulting firm specializes in kids and technology.

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Getting ugly for a good cause

'Ten Ugly Men' festival goes from small-time idea to big-time success

BY BEN DOBBIN
The Associated Press

IT began in 1990 with five kegs of beer, a park grill and an open invitation from party hosts with an unsavory sounding nickname: Ten Ugly Men.

The immediate goal of the Uglies? Drink, eat, meet single women, sway to local bands. In short, get ugly.

The more serious mission — aside from swilling beer? Help out a charity or two.

The daylong Bacchanalia, dreamed up by twentysomethings looking to recapture their more carefree days in college, drew 200 revelers and raised \$1,000 for a children's hospital.

Saturday's 15th annual bash, a cross between a giant block party, a biker rally, a mini-Woodstock and Nevada's artsy Burning Man festival, looked on target to draw a record crowd of 8,000 and raise \$125,000 for a neighborhood center and a cancer research foundation.

"We never would have grown to the size that we did if our sole intent was just to have a party," said longtime organizer John Fitzsimmons, an attorney. "We realized it had the potential — just because of word of mouth — to continue to bring in a lot of money."

Regulars, ranging from yuppies and young families to teen skateboarders and middle-aged bikers, set their summer calendars around the Ten Ugly Men festival at Genesee Valley Park.

"It's fun. You just see everybody, people you haven't seen for 20, 30 years," said Burke McCarthy, a marketing manager for a new, high-speed ferry across Lake Ontario to Canada.

"It drives people crazy who aren't from here how connected everybody is," McCarthy said. "There's a huge small-town feel about this place. Huge!"

At a friend's neighborhood block party in 1989, Nazareth College graduates Mike Hartman and Pierce Pike got to talking about rounding up the guys and organizing a community beer, food and music honcho where they might get to meet eligible women. And lots of them.

Pape spun the Ten Ugly Men moniker from the first three letters of Tums, the first corporate sponsor.

The first year, only nine Uglies could be persuaded to part with \$150 apiece to ensure there would be a charitable donation. Now, thousands of fun-timers are willing to pay \$25 a ticket, or \$30 at the gate.

Charity proceeds so far exceed \$600,000, and a share goes to a cancer research and treatment fund at the University of Rochester named for Fitzsimmons' wife, Kim. Diagnosed with a brain tumor hours after giving birth to their daughter, Nikole, in 2000, she died last year at age 35.

The foundation has motivated Fitzsimmons to immerse himself once more in the endless details, from deciding how much beer to order to persuading top-notch bands to play for free.

"It's really benefited me as well," he said.

This year, the horde is expected to consume 300 kegs of beer, 3,500 hamburgers, 4,000 hot dogs, 3,600 chicken sandwiches, 500 veggie burgers, 10,000 bags of chips and pretzels, and 2,400 pounds of carrot salad, macaroni salad and potato salad.

Bands include Lit, Sometimes Three, Puddle, Tickle the Taint and Uncle Plum.

The festival requires little advertising — "the twentysomethings and thirtysomethings all network pretty well in our town," Fitzsimmons said. Besides, in the Snow Belt, "people get so cooped up in the wintertime that any type of outdoor festival like this, I mean, people go nuts."



Michael Hartman, founder of The Ten Ugly Men Festival, poses with this year's poster advertising the festival in Rochester, N.Y. Organizers estimate a record 8,000 people will attend.



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Guitarist Elvio Fernandes of the Uncle Plum band plays during the Ten Ugly Men Festival in Rochester, N.Y., on July 26, 2003.

RELIGION

Stock-car race pulls preachers to the pole

BY RUSS BYNUM
The Associated Press

POOLER, Ga. — The '78 Chevy Monte Carlo slides out of turn four spinning 180 degrees as other racers whiz past on the slippery dirt track, but this novice driver doesn't scare easily when he's fueled by faith.

"The thing about us pastors is, if something were to happen to one of us, we all know where we're going," said the Rev. Jim Wilson.

A few practice laps allowed Wilson and fellow clergymen to rev up for Pastor Pastor 2004, a stock-car race that pulls preachers from the pulpit to the pole at Oglethorpe Speedway Park near Savannah.

The July 16 race, in its fourth year, let ministers strut a bit of machismo while raising money for their churches. While most are complete beginners on the track, these 13 devout drivers say they won't be turning the other cheek when they compete for the checkered flag.

And their congregations wouldn't have it any other way.

"It's like fans within any other sport — they're se-

rious about their pastor winning," said the Rev. Rickey Rushing, a former drag racer. "I really like to win. I do my best and whatever turns out, turns out."

Oglethorpe Speedway general manager Ted Austad said he got the idea for Pastor Pastor from a fellow promoter in Kentucky. While many preachers were reluctant to join Austad's first race in 2001, now he says he has to turn some away.

"It's kind of rebellious, almost," Austad said. "They live lives that are perfect, at least in the eyes of their congregations, and maybe this is an opportunity for them to do something that isn't, so to say, Godly."

There's no purse up for grabs, but churches that enter their pastors get to keep \$6 of every \$10 ticket they sell. Last year's race drew nearly 3,000, Austad said. But some churches have refused to embrace Pastor Pastor, equating auto racing with sin as well as speed.

"They feel like if they come out here, they're setting a bad example with the drinking and cussing and fighting," said the Rev. Larry Strickland, a Baptist minister and Oglethorpe's track chaplain. "We aren't out here to be a part of that. We're here to change parts of that."

Survey finds fewer Protestants in U.S.

The Associated Press

The United States will no longer be a majority Protestant nation in years to come, due to a precipitous decline in affiliation with many Protestant churches, a new survey has found.

Between 1993 and 2002, the share of Americans who said they were Protestant dropped from 63 percent to 52 percent, after years of remaining generally stable, according to a recent study by the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago.

At the same time, the number of people who said they had no religion rose from 9 percent to nearly 14 percent, and many are former Protestants, the survey's authors said.

The study was based on three decades of religious identification questions in the General Social Survey, which the opinion center conducts to measure public trends.

The United States "has been seen as white and Protestant," said Tom Smith, director of the General Social Survey. "We're not going to be majority Protestant any longer."

Respondents were defined as

Protestant if they said they were members of a Protestant denomination, such as Episcopal Church or Southern Baptist Convention. The category included members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and members of independent Protestant churches.

Among the reasons for the decline were the large number of young people and adults leaving denominations as the number of non-Protestant immigrants increased, comprising a greater share of the population. Also, a lower percentage are — being raised Protestant, Smith said.

Smith said it's also possible that some former Protestants are now identifying themselves only as "Christian."

The Roman Catholic population has remained relatively stable over the period, making up about 25 percent of the U.S. population.

People who said they belonged to other religions — including Islam, Orthodox Christianity or Eastern faiths — increased from 3 percent to 7 percent between 1993 and 2002, while the share of people who said they were Jewish remained stable at just under 2 percent.

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Christian bands to rock the Olympics

BY BRIAN BOWERS

Stars and Stripes

Kutless — one of the hottest Christian alternative rock bands — will be playing for the world next month, when it performs during the Olympic Games in Athens, Greece.

The band is grabbing attention right now with "Sea of Faces," a song which describes how God sees each person as more than simply one in a million faces. This mid-tempo hit is actually atypical for a band known for driving guitars and blasting vocals. However, it might offer the perfect message to a city packed with hundreds of thousands of people from around the world.

Kutless will be part of two concerts sponsored by Athens during the Aug. 13-29 games. The first will be Aug. 27 in the city center at the Omnia Square. The second will be Aug. 28 at the base of the Acropolis at the Monastiraki. An Aug. 29 concert at the Korymbi will be for more than 2,500 missionaries from around the world.

If you aren't stationed at Souda Bay Crete, or the U.S. Embassy in Athens — or have tons of leave and cash — a trip to the Greek capital is probably out of the question. You can still check the band out online at www.a1r1.com — one of the best Christian rock stations and worth checking out.

On the Web: www.kutless.com.

Disc tip

I suspect a few nostalgic folks will consider grabbing "Veggie Rocks," in which some of Christian music's biggest artists offer new versions of the old title ditties from "VeggieTales" videos.

Some of the disc's tunes are pretty good, such as the O.C. Supertones' revved-up "I Can Be Your Friend" and Relient K's hyperactive "The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything." Others are just plain fun, such as Steven Curtis Chapman and his sons Will and Caleb on "I Love My Lips."

Today's praise

However, a few miss the mark — possibly because the artists didn't dive into the goofiness in true Veggie fashion. These include Michael Tait's "His Cheeseburger" and Skillet's "Stand."

Overall, the CD has some novelty value but most of the tracks aren't for repeat listening. Or at least that's what I thought until my 10-year-old sons got their hands on it. Veggie fans since infancy, they practically wore it out. Perhaps the best market for this disc consists of children moving from kids' fare to more grown-up Christian music. On the Web: www.veggierocks.com.

Today's Praise is a roundup of news and reviews from the contemporary Christian music industry. It appears twice a month on the Religion page.

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FACES 'N' PLACES

Judd jazzes up 'De-Lovely'

BY DESSON THOMSON

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Ashley Judd throws a pink ball across her hotel room.

One of her two cockpots — either Buttermilk or Shug — runs for it. In town recently to promote "De-Lovely," a film about Cole Porter's complicated relationship with his wife, Linda (played by Judd), she exudes physical busy-ness. She confesses she can be "manic" when it comes to certain things, like traveling, or following her husband, race-car driver Dario Franchitti, around the world for his races.

But preparing for a movie role, she says, is an easier task. "It's just reading," she says. She did a lot of reading for "De-Lovely."

Linda Porter, a hearty supporter of her husband's music and the inspiration for many of his songs, had to live with a man who was far more physically attracted to her. The movie is about, among other things, how she keeps up her love for her husband, despite a nonphysical relationship.

Playing Linda appealed to Judd, she says, because "she was really rich. I thought it would be fun to play someone so rich. And stylish and smart. And independent. An emancipated woman in the Jazz Age, unconventional and with her own convictions. Very impressive lady."

In terms of Cole Porter's homosexuality, "I think Linda knew everything. Maybe it's not on a higher plane. A love about two people who authentically knew each other for who and what they were. ... They had a love and understanding that did not have a sexual basis. She was an incredible, kinda high-class enabler of his music."

Linda's real concern, Judd continues, was when Cole's behavior in Hollywood "became outrageous and was a threat to his well-being. That was a time when homosexuality was not only viewed as terribly aberrant but it was illegal. ... There was no telling what could have happened to [Cole], this cherished American who really reigned in this country for several decades. ... I don't think the public knew."

The interview is going amicably until there's mention of a certain tabloid TV special ("The Judds: E! True Hollywood Story") that recently aired tacky implications about Judd's family, which includes the singing mother-daughter duo, Naomi and Wynonna. According to the special,

when Ashley Judd first joined, she was voted the most likely to quit her acting class at Playhouse West Repertory Theater, under acting teacher Robert Carnegie.

"I think I share that distinction with Dustin Hoffman and Gene Hackman, who received similar lack of confidence from their fellow students. Good company."

She says it with the kind of tone that could cause frostbite.

"The thing about that network (E!) is, you lie down with dogs and you get up with fleas," Judd says. "I disapproved of the entire thing. The train had left the station, and they were going to do it regardless of what we felt about it. I know some people chose to participate to direct them in an honest way. But I haven't seen it; I won't see it. It's as much a tabloid as the National Enquirer. I have no respect for it and what they do. And I'd like to pinch people who watch it to get them to wake up."

Quick, back to the movie. Or life. Yeah, life's a good subject.

"I want more than anything else in this life to be happy," she says. "I had an unhappy enough childhood. I don't want to be unhappy anymore."

Watching her sister and mother, the successful country music duo, made her realize "money doesn't buy you happiness."

What does give Ashley Judd happiness? "Work is a part of that, the extent to which I can be both creatively challenged and fulfilled. Like operating on a few levels simultaneously, maybe it's the right brain and left brain, being able to contribute to my work that's stimulating. I'm generally a very feeling person in terms of social injustice and that's important to me, and you know, a fine spring day."



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Boss backers head south

A popular fan magazine and Web site devoted to Bruce Springsteen soon will be based in North Carolina.

Chris Phillips, editor and publisher of Backstreets, which has covered Springsteen since 1980, will relocate to Carboro from Washington.

Phillips, 33, and his small staff track and review concerts, give news updates about Springsteen and his E Street Band, sell merchandise and host a lively message board where fans can chat and exchange tickets.

Raitt rails against Bush

Winding up her summer tour across Europe, Bonnie Raitt drew thunderous applause at the Stockholm Jazz Festival in Sweden for dedicating a classic to President Bush.

"We're gonna sing this for George Bush because he's out of here, people!" Raitt crowed Tuesday night before she launched into the opening licks



Raitt

of "Your Good Thing (Is About to End)," a cover that was featured on her 1979 album, "The Glow."

The song, written by Isaac Hayes and David Porter, has been sung by several notable performers, including Mable John and Lou Rawls.

Raitt's comments resulted in a round of applause and even whistles from among the estimated 3,000 concertgoers at the Swedish capital's annual jazz event held on the banks of the downtown Skeppsholmen island.

Rose restaurant heist

Pete Rose's Palm Beach County, Fla., restaurant was broken into and burglars made off with over \$10,000 in sports memorabilia.

Collector Jersees, an autographed football and a pair of Muhammad Ali boxing gloves were among the items stolen in the early Tuesday morning heist at the Pete Rose Ballpark Café, a Boynton Beach police report said.

"I didn't know about [the robbery] until I



Rose

got here," baseball's career hits leader told WFOR-TV in Miami as he surveyed the damage.

According to the report, police responded to the break-in at 4:34 a.m. after receiving a call from a security officer at a nearby hotel. Police suspect the break-in happened between 2:30 a.m. and 4:15 a.m.

A broken glass panel on one of the restaurant's doors had been smashed, police said.

Trump trumps Bird casino bid

Donald Trump bested two casino groups — including one backed by hometown hero Larry Bird — for the bid to build a casino in the struggling community of French Lick, Ind., where movie stars once vacationed.

The State Gaming Commission awarded the contract to Trump on Tuesday, at the end of two days of public hearings. Commissioners said the billionaire developer had been unanimously endorsed by a local committee in the southern Indiana community of about 60 miles northwest of Louisville, Ky.

Trump promised to open the casino by the end of 2005 and give \$10 million to the French Lick Springs Resort & Hotel and the West Baden Springs Hotel for restoration. Trump's casino proposal includes a deli, a buffet and an entertainment lounge.

Trump has the added draw of Indiana governor Fuzzy Zoeller as a partner.

Celebrating Don Knotts

Don Knotts' hometown, Morgantown, W.Va., is planning several tributes to one of its favorite sons, including a possible film festival next year.

Knotts, who celebrated his 80th birthday Wednesday, will be honored over the coming year for his contributions to the film industry. Mayor Ron Justice said.

"That includes a possible site where people could learn about the comedic actor, his films and his connection to Morgantown."

"He's always remembered his roots," Justice said. "He is our favorite son."

Knotts is still mainly identified with the role that won him five Emmys, that of bumbling Deputy Barney Fife on the '60s family comedy "The Andy Griffith Show."



Knotts

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Q MGM production chief Irving Thalberg left behind a wife, actress Norma Shearer, when he died in 1936. What became of her? — Cindy Beck, Houston, Texas
A Shearer fumbled her career after Thalberg died. In 1942, she wed Martin Arrouge, a French ski instructor, and retired. Over the years, she suffered from depression and lost her sight and memory. She died in 1983 at 80.

Q What's the status of Kevin Spacey's biopic about the late singer Bobby Darin? — Mary Lou Kendle, Vadnais Heights, Minn.

A Spacey, 45, a trained singer, has recorded "Mack the Knife" and Darin's other hits for "Beyond the Sea," due out in November. "This is the realization of a lifelong dream," says Spacey, who also directed the film. It co-stars Kate Bosworth, 21, as Darin's wife, actress Sandra Dee.

Q Who said this about Las Vegas: "They've got dancing girls and drinking and wild parties and shows here. This is no place for a Presbyterian, so I no longer am one?" — William B. DePass Jr., Columbia, S.C.

A Hal Holbrook combined a few Twain quotes to come up with that line for his show "Mark Twain Tonight!," but the subject was Virginia City, Nev. Vegas was just a watering hole in Twain's time.

Q I share your concern about Whitney Houston, who seems trapped in an abusive relationship with Bobby Brown. What do you suggest? — T.M. Sacramento, Calif.

A That she take a tip from an older and wiser diva, Tina Turner, 65, who dumped bad-boy hubby Ike in 1976. Her career soared, and she formed a lasting relationship with German record exec Erwin Bach, 48. Tina will be coming out of retirement to shoot a Merchant-Ivory film, "The Godless." We'd love to see Whitney back onscreen too.

Q What has Ben Affleck said about the J.Lo-Marc Anthony nuptials? — Joy Pearson, New London, Conn.

A In public, nada — except to say on British radio that it's a relief to be off the front pages. In private, Ben, 31, breathed a big sigh and moved on, his friends tell us. They say he's "just hangin' out" before shooting "Glory Road," a basketball film. Some of that hangin' time has been in his native Boston with Enza Sambataro, 26, a TV sales rep.

Q AOL picked singer Lizzie West as one of its breakout artists of 2003. What has she done since then? — Delia D., Norfolk, Va.

A She spent a year touring with Chris Isaak and others. West, 31, also cut tracks used on "Alias" and "Third Watch." She's now debuting a new tune, "19 Miles to Baghdad," at clubs in New York and the tony Hamptons. With all the honchos sure to see West, we expect her career to heat up.

Q Sandra Day O'Connor, a conservative appointed to the Supreme Court by Ronald Reagan, has voted with her liberal colleagues lately. Isn't that strange? — Sam Roberts, Bend, Ore.

A Not at all. Because they're appointed for life, justices are free to follow their consciences and often cast surprising votes. The most dramatic example was Earl Warren, a Republican governor nominated as chief justice by President Eisenhower in 1953. For 16 years, he presided over sweeping liberal changes in constitutional law.

Q I don't regard Nicole Kidman as a natural comedienne. Why did Mel Brooks cast her as the sexy Ulla in the upcoming film of his Broadway hit "The Producers"? — Nancy V., Houston, Texas

A Because, as talented as they are, Matthew Broderick and Nathan Lane, who'll reprise their Broadway roles, aren't big enough stars to open a movie. Kidman, 37 — replacing Tony-winner Cady Huffman as Ulla — isn't the only Hollywood ally to step in for a lesser-known actor. Will Ferrell will play the nutty Nazi playwright Franz Liebkind, a role created on Broadway by Brad Oscar.



AP photos
Actor Ben Affleck's "hangin' out" time includes watching the Boston Red Sox play the Anaheim Angels in Anaheim, Calif.



Funny girl Tina Fey, shown in April at the premiere of her new film "Mean Girls," says she is unsure who her new "SNL" Weekend Update cohort will be.

Q How long has the adorable Tina Fey been on "Saturday Night Live"? And who will replace Jimmy Fallon as her Weekend Update co-host? — Edgar Shindelar, Charles City, Iowa

A Now, and the only thing we've decided about a replacement for Jimmy is to procrastinate," says Fey, 34, who'll enter her eighth season as an SNL writer and fifth as a performer. "I think we'll decide about a week before we go on in September." Meanwhile, she's mulling over ideas for a follow-up to her hit film "Mean Girls," which cost \$17 million to make and has grossed more than \$80 million.

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Whitney Houston, shown performing with Stevie Wonder, left, in May 2003, might want to think about ditching bad-boy hubby Bobby Brown.

Ruby returns home

CA LOS ANGELES — Ruby the elephant, whose transfer to another zoo seemed to make her one unhappy camper and prompted a lawsuit, can start packing her trunk. She's coming home.

The 43-year-old African elephant was moved from Los Angeles to the Knoxville Zoo in Tennessee last year, but things didn't go as planned.

She was loaned to the Tennessee zoo in May 2003 to serve as role model for younger elephants trying to breed and raise calves. But she shoved an elephant when they were introduced and has been kept separate from the other elephants by a metal rail for most of her 14 months there, officials said.

By contrast, at the city zoo in Los Angeles, Ruby would touch trunks and apparently play with Gita, an Asian elephant she had known for 16 years.

Man busted himself

PA LANGHORNE — A man who returned a rental car allegedly forgot to take along 88 bags of heroin he had left in the car.

Employees of an Enterprise Rent-A-Car agency called police and reported finding the drugs hidden under a layer of napkins in the car's console, authorities said.

Using information found in the wallet the man also left behind, Detective Daniel Baranowski of nearby Middletown contacted Robert Laguerre, posing as someone who had found the heroin, and told him he wanted to return the drugs for a reward, authorities said.

Baranowski set up a meeting with Laguerre at a mall in this Philadelphia suburb, and Laguerre was arrested when he arrived, police said.

Laguerre was arraigned Thursday on charges of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

Officers get a shock

NM PORTALES — Lightning struck two New Mexico State Police officers while they were helping motorists on a road flooded by a thunderstorm, but both men stayed on the job.

Officers Clint Varnell and Lance Bateman were sent to help people in about 15 vehicles stalled by a flash flood late Tuesday, said state police Lt. Jimmy Glascock.

They were struck after rescuing a woman and three small children from one vehicle in a ditch.

However, the men continued helping motorists until the water started to recede.

They eventually found themselves at a hospital in Portales and were transferred to Covenant, where they were listed in satisfactory condition Wednesday, Glascock said. Bateman said he did not consider his work heroic, "just earning my pay."

Besides, he added: "We needed the rain."

Patron censoring books

UT LAYTON — Library officials are facing a mystery that only Jessica Fletcher could solve.

It seems a library patron has been busy crossing out the "hells" and "damns" in books based on the



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popular "Murder, She Wrote" TV series and changing them to "hecks" and "damns."

Library workers are at a loss as to what to do about the self-appointed censor who is blotting out the purple prose with a purple pen.

"It would be by luck or a total accident if we were to catch [the culprit]," says county library director Pete Giacomini. "That's why we are asking people to just let us know if they see anything or notice any other markings so that we can get it on the record."

So far, the freelance editor's comments appear to be limited to the Fletcher novels.

Tax foes force vote?

NV CARSON CITY — Tax foes say they gathered enough signatures to force a vote on repealing a record \$833 million state tax increase. About 68,000 people signed the petition. About 65,000 signed another petition prohibiting local and state government employees from serving in elected office. Officials must verify the signatures before putting the measures on the November ballot.

No free time for MLK

SC GREENVILLE — For a second year, employees of Greenville County voted against taking a day off to honor slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

Greenville remains the only



Perplexed percussion

Thomas Mason, a junior drummer, looks over his music Tuesday afternoon as the drum squad rehearses on the front lawn of the Youngstown, Ohio, school. The band started practice this week and will leave for band camp Aug. 9.

county in South Carolina that does not give employees the King holiday off with pay.

A policy passed in 2003 gave county employees five fixed holidays and let them choose the other five days they get off work.

The Martin Luther King Jr. holiday came in a distant sixth with 21 percent of the vote.

Slow start for police

MA MEDFIELD — Two young males who drove off in a piece of heavy equipment stolen from a construction site led a police officer on a slow-speed chase Sunday before jumping off the running vehicle, which then ran into the officer's parked cruiser, police said.

The equipment, called a hull, came to a stop after striking the unoccupied cruiser, which was totaled, police Sgt. John Wilhelmi said.

Police led an unsuccessful search for two young males who fled after the chase. The pursuit began after the two apparently broke through a locked gate at Blake Middle School in Medfield, a suburb southwest of Boston.

Police brought in specially trained dogs to search for the pair in a wooded area that includes marshland. The search was called off around 10 a.m.

Jays vs. Frito-Lay

IL CHICAGO — A federal judge has ordered that Frito-Lay Inc. turn over its rival documents backing up its claim that Chicagoans prefer their potato chips.

On Monday, Chicago-based Jays Foods went to court to challenge Frito-Lay's advertising claim that Chicagoans "prefer the taste of Lay's over Jays."

The lawsuit alleges the billboard ads compare a Lay's product to an unflavored Jays potato chip that doesn't exist. Jays says in the lawsuit that the Plano, Texas-based Frito-Lay has refused to provide test results to substantiate its ads.

A U.S. District judge refused Wednesday to allow Frito-Lay to keep parts of its documentation confidential. He says the public has a right to know.

Robber aids in capture

WV BARBOURSVILLE — An accused bank robber easily made away with some cash, and then made it easy for the cops to catch him.

Authorities say Brian Fenton walked into the First State Bank on Tuesday and told a teller to call 911 because he was robbing the bank.

Fenton, 41, allegedly waited for the teller to make the call and then left with an undiscovered amount of cash. He was arrested by a deputy waiting outside the door, said Sgt. Mike McCallister with the Cabell County Sheriff's Department.

"As soon as he walked out of the bank, he walked directly into the arms of Deputy Todd Wentz," McCallister said.

No weapon was found. Fenton was charged with felony bank robbery. He was jailed Wednesday on \$100,000 bail.

If convicted, he faces 10 to 25 years in prison.



Got your nose

Kevin Bonner, 2, of Columbus, Ohio, stares at Doty on Tuesday through the glass at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. Doty is the great-granddaughter of Colo, who in 1956 became one of the first gorillas born in captivity. Doty was born on April 17 at the zoo.



Chutes and nappers

From a rousing game of parachute play, take a power nap in the parachute at Atwater Park in Canandaigua, N.Y., on Tuesday. The two are participants in the YMCA Kidventures program.



Eversing's fine, ocifer! Iowa State Trooper D.L. Cutts watches as Brian Jones, a junior at Ames High School, tries to walk a straight line while wearing "drunk goggles" during a driver's education class at Meeker Elementary School in Ames, Iowa. The goggles simulate impairment on the wearer's motor-visual skills due to intoxication.



Gourd gorge Lane Battles, 3, of Rush Springs, Okla., eats a slice of watermelon at his dad's melon stand Monday in Lawton, Okla. Rush Springs, a mecca for melon lovers, hosts a watermelon festival in August.



Speedy swing Shane Funk, 4, left, and Whitney Funk, 2, of Baltimore, get a push on the swing from Dalton Ewing, 6, of Rushville, Ohio, on Tuesday at the State Run Living Historical Farm, near Lithopolis, Ohio. The farm is set in the 1880s and operates with methods, clothing and technology from that period.



Cannonball! Sam Curran 14, left, and Max Harrington, 14, both of Rye, N.H., leap off the Sagamore Bridge in Portsmouth, N.H., into the creek on a hot Tuesday afternoon.

Black bears play house

NJ WEST ORANGE — A planned black bear exhibit at Essex County's zoo will allow visitors to view the bears the way they're often seen in New Jersey — through a living room window. The Turtle Back Zoo's "Bears in Your Backyard" exhibit is taking advantage of the many encounters New Jersey residents now have with bears, a consequence of the state's dense population and its burgeoning brown population.

"One of the viewing stations will be from a [mock] living room and a kitchen, and one of the TVs in the living room will be showing educational bear videos," said zoo Director Jeremy Goodman.

The exhibit is scheduled to be completed later this year and stocked with a pair of bear cubs in the spring.

Not competing for bones

WA RIDGEBFIELD — As this Columbia River town searches for a new city manager, one candidate appears to have two legs up on the others.

Signs have popped up all over the city in support of Otis, an 11-year-old Boston terrier.

No one's saying who made the flippers, complete with a profile shot of Otis and a disclaimer that the signs were paid for by the "he will do better than the last guy committee."

Ridgefield's former city manager, Randy Bombardier, was placed on administrative leave in March, then fired after being accused of removing lead-based paint from City Hall without public safety or environmental precautions.

In June, the state attorney general's office charged Bombardier with official misconduct, which carries a maximum penalty of one year in jail and a \$5,000 fine.

Bombardier has said he did nothing wrong and that City Council members knew more about the paint than he did.

Officer takes own report

TX WICHITA FALLS — Not only was Police Chief Ken Coughlin's home burglarized, but he had to fill out the report, too.

Coughlin left his garage door open when he went for a walk in the morning. His family stayed behind, and his sons saw two men carrying tools from the home while he was away.

When Coughlin returned about an hour later, his wife was looking for evidence.

Because the officers were busy on Sunday, the chief took his own incident report instead of waiting until another officer was free.

Coughlin said at a community meeting that the Wichita Falls Police Department is officially 18 officers short of the allotted 190 positions.

Judge OK's Web site

AL MONTGOMERY — A judge ruled that a defendant in a federal drug case may post a Web site seeking information on potential witnesses whose pictures are displayed under a "WANTED" banner. U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson said the free speech and fair trial rights of the defendant, Leon Carmichael, outweigh the government's concern that it may pose a threat to its witnesses.

Vandals loot site

IL JONESBORO — County police stepped up patrols after vandals looted a University of Illinois archaeological site last week. Researchers believe bits of pottery and fire-cracked rocks found there were part of an Indian campsite dating to around 1,000 A.D. The state wants to widen roads in the area and sent archaeologists to examine it for historic significance.

Alleged patient abuse

OK PADEN — The State Department of Health appointed a temporary manager for a care center for mentally disabled adults because the operator allegedly coerced residents into having sex with him. In its filing for an emergency order, the health department alleged that Junior Clonts admitted to sexual abuse. A judge barred Clonts from dealing with residential-care patients and Health Department officials.

Man found on road

FL TAMPA — The man was found on the side of the road, curled up and naked. He couldn't walk or talk.

On Tuesday, more than 24 hours after he was discovered, hospital officials were still desperate to know his name.

They know this much: He is a black man in his 20s who is mentally and physically disabled, according to hospital officials. Police brought him there after passersby saw him lying on the ground near a convenience store and called for help.

"He will smile and laugh and coo, and that's it," said Stephanie Shaw, a registered nurse at the hospital.

"He obviously would not have been able to get out of where he was lying to go to this convenience store," she said. "I'm assuming someone dropped him off."

Men fight over toilet

CT STRATFORD — It was a case of potty rage.

Two men were arrested after a fight broke out over a public toilet.

Andres A. Diaz, 52, was using the bathroom at a Burger King while Joseph Manuel Augusto, 37, waited for his turn Friday night.

The two men argued when Diaz emerged after what Augusto thought was too much time, police said.

Heard words escalated into a physical fight.

The two men allegedly bumped chests, then chased each other around the restaurant with their weapons. Augusto was armed with a small razor pocket knife and Diaz brandished a Burger King straw dispenser, police said.

No one was injured. Both men were charged with breach of peace and issued a summons to appear in court on July 27.

First in home injuries

NM ALBUQUERQUE — Injuries in the home kill more people in New Mexico than in any other state, a national group says. The nonprofit Home Safety Council ranked New Mexico at the top of the list for the number of fatalities from unintentional home injuries.

New Mexico averaged 13.03 deaths per 100,000 people from 1992-99, nearly double the national average of 6.83.

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Of Bangkok, Thailand are those of these days, Americans are going to throw their weight around and discover that others have even more weight than they do.

James Pinkerton



That hasn't happened yet, but it will soon, here in Asia. And such counterweighting will come as a surprise to Americans, who should be paying attention but aren't.

This city of 6 million looks like Tokyo or Seoul a few decades ago.

That is, most of the people are poor, but they are hard-working, gadget-crazed and focused on getting ahead.

Like the other Asian economic tigers before them, Thais are cutting corners on their way to wealth. The Bangkok Post reports that 80 percent of the software used here is pirated. That's bad, although else-

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where in Asia the figures are worse; in China, an estimated 92 percent of software is ripped off. Software thievery costs software makers — most of them American — some \$29 billion a year.

A similar contempt for Western intellectual property is shored up by pharmaceuticals. The big idea coming from the recent AIDS conference here was that

"pharma" companies should either give away their AIDS medicines or give away their patents, so that generic drug-makers — there are many such companies here and many more in India — can make the profits instead.

Some will justify such thievery as being

justified by the life-saving nature of the drugs at issue. But it's harder to justify the action of China, which recently canceled Pfizer's patent for Viagra, enabling the drug to be made generally and locally. That single decision could billions off of the value of the Manhattan-based company, including benefits to its employees.

Yet, Americans seem heedless. Most don't follow foreign news, even when it affects their own well-being — and the U.S. government is almost entirely focused on the Middle East. And so, if present trends continue, at about the time that the United States succeeds in pacifying Falujah, the Chinese economy will have grown larger than America's.

Indeed, the investment firm Goldman Sachs projects that in 2050 China's gross domestic product will be 25 percent bigger than ours, while India's GDP will be three-fourths that of the United States. To be sure, America's per-capita income will still be much higher, but power — military as well as economic — is a function of aggregate totals, not individual shares.

And while forecasts are notoriously unreliable, signs of this geopolitical shift

abound, even if they are not much noticed back in the United States. Two years ago, President Bush labeled North Korea as part of the "axis of evil," but since then Uncle Sam has lost interest. The Pentagon has even announced plans to withdraw a third of U.S. forces from South Korea. And so the United States plays from a weakened position.

Earlier this month, national security adviser Condoleezza Rice traveled to Beijing to seek China's help on disarming Pyongyang's nuclear weapons. But the Chinese round-fired Rice's request; they wanted to send a much different message. The headline in July 15's Bangkok Post was blunt:

"US told to stop arms to Taiwan." Probably not one American in a hundred knows that Beijing regards Taiwan as a part of China in the same way that Americans view Long Island as part of America. That comparison doesn't necessarily make the Chinese morally correct, but it does suggest that they are ultimately prepared to go to war for the island.

When China was weak, the United States paid little price for putting its "strategic umbrella" over Taiwan. But how high will the price be when China has more resources than we do? One straw in the wind: The Washington Times reports that China has developed a new submarine. American intelligence had no inkling of the program's existence until a sub was spotted being finished in a shipyard. We must wonder: What else do the Chinese have up their sleeve?

And so it goes with Asia. Since we are not paying attention, we are being beat out economically and one day, perhaps, we will be beat out militarily.

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OPINION

What newspapers are saying at home

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Acting all high and mighty The Bellingham (Wash.) Herald

It's difficult to see what good could come from federal prosecution of an emaciated cancer patient who needs a pot brownie to keep her dinner down. It's equally difficult to see why the U.S. House of Representatives is seeking to limit states' rights by over-riding laws that allow the use of medical marijuana.

A 268-148 House vote July 7 approved a measure to allow the federal government to continue prosecuting people who use medical marijuana where it is allowed by state law.

Washington state voters approved a citizen initiative allowing for the use of medical marijuana by more than a 2-to-1 margin percent in 1988....

Our system of government clearly allows federal laws to take precedence over state laws; however, this crusade led by Republicans, the party dedicated to limited government and states' rights, seems both hypocritical and out of step with the people's larger concerns....

Last year, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco ruled that the federal law outlawing marijuana should not apply to people using it on a doctor's recommendation. The Bush administration appealed and the U.S. Supreme Court agreed [this month] to hear the case.

The high court refused to hear a case brought by the Justice Department that would have punished doctors who discussed with their patients the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes.

This is not just a matter of states' rights, it's a matter of national priorities and personal freedom.

Work on better recordkeeping TimesDaily, Florence, Ala.

Today's Hispanics, like the Europeans before them, are coming to America to improve their lots in life. Work is plentiful, though most of the jobs they fill are grueling. The majority of them make a good living compared to their counterparts back home.

One reason is because most don't pay income or property taxes.

Since they are undocumented aliens, state and federal governments have no records of them. Employers contribute significantly to the problem. Most know that an illegal immigrant will work for whatever wage the boss sets and not complain.

It's unrealistic to think the influx of illegal immigrants can be stopped. Nor is it logistically and financially impractical, the policies of corporate America to vote them out of the scenario. Anybody who lives and works in this country has an obligation to pay their fair share of the cost.

That means paying taxes, which employers have an obligation to deduct from paychecks. Enforcing the tax codes is more feasible and practical than expecting any reform in immigration laws soon. Enforcing tax codes would also go a long way toward easing the burden immigrants are placing on schools and hospitals.

Fill CIA director spot The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer

Why, at this time of repeatedly proclaimed peril, is the most important office in our national intelligence apparatus in the hands of an acting director? Former CIA Director George Tenet officially left the position on July 7.

The argument for waiting until after the election is primarily twofold: First, were President Bush to put forward a nominee now, the antagonistic political climate might result in congressional deadlock until after



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November anyway; second, should Democratic nominee-presumptive John Kerry win, he has said he will reorganize the CIA and create a directorate of national intelligence that might absorb the current top spy job.

If the national security is as imperiled as a different ranking member of the Bush administration each week says it is, there is no excuse for delaying on political grounds.

And, should Kerry prevail, that situation can be addressed then.

Discrimination: Bad investment The Post-Standard, Syracuse, N.Y.

If Morgan Stanley had taken seriously the sexual discrimination charges of a female employee, perhaps the Wall Street investment bank would not have ended up settling a lawsuit with the government [this month] and agreeing to a \$54 million check.

But the firm chose to ignore bond seller Allison Scheffelin's complaints that she had been passed over for promotions. She was eventually fired and filed a complaint with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. The agency filed a suit on behalf of her and more than 300 other women at the firm. The company was accused of denying promotions, offering all-male outings with clients and allowing female employees to be subjected to groping and other improper behavior. Morgan Stanley decided to settle. Scheffelin was awarded \$12 million, with \$40 million set aside for other female employees and \$2 million for diversity programs.

One of the government's lawyers said the case should "send a message to employers everywhere that allegations of sexual discrimination should be taken seriously." In truth, that message should have been received long ago.

Pols pull to get Latinos to polls The Patriot-News, Harrisburg, Pa.

Everyone seems to be competing for the Latino community's attention these days.

In the last [month] alone, NBC channel-

oned its Spanish-language Telemundo channel as the "biggest thing we've got going," and both President Bush and Sen. John Kerry began airing translations of their ads on Spanish-language television and radio.

While many recognize the potential of the Hispanic-American market, it's a lot trickier to ensure that you actually appeal to its members. Since NBC acquired Telemundo in 2001, it has been chasing the success of Univision, which controls 75 percent of the Spanish-language programming market.... This Fall, Telemundo will change its approach and launch its own telenovelas that are written specifically about the Hispanic-American experience.

On the political front, Bush and Kerry need to adopt the new Telemundo mentality and create pieces specifically for Latinos.... The campaigns would be wiser to create ads encouraging Latinos to vote and telling them where to vote and how their voice is integral in American politics. The hard truth is that Latinos have not been going to the polls....

Some in the Latino population claim politicians do not speak their language or reach out to their communities. But herein lies a Catch-22: [I]n order to get politicians' notice, their community has to go to the polls.

For the Latinos, it comes down to an army of one — each Latino voter making the effort to get to the polls on Nov. 2.

Asking for more admissions The Times-Picayune, New Orleans

The idea that one's final semester in high school is irrelevant to college admissions committees is as pervasive as the idea that a college student is guaranteed all A's if a roommate commits suicide. And it is equally false.

Admissions officials at the nation's selective colleges say they do pay attention to what a student does after the application process is over. Unfortunately, some talented high school students are finding that out the hard way.

During the summer months of the nation's prospective college freshmen get letters from admissions officials asking them to explain why their grades plummeted dur-

ing their final semester. An admissions dean at Texas Christian University calls them "Fear of God" letters. Some students are asked to explain in detail why their grades dropped. Others are informed that their "admission to TCU is in jeopardy."

[F]ar too many students believe that the grade they get in a course is more important than the knowledge that's acquired. Still, one wishes that students who've completed seven semesters of excellent grades would have enough pride and intellectual curiosity to keep doing well, even after they've won admission to their favorite colleges.

Explain progress against AIDS The Seattle Times

Billions of dollars have been spent and billions more promised in the worldwide battle against HIV. It is critical to find out which investments are making the most difference and which are being foolishly wasted.

Waste and inefficiencies were on the agenda at the 15th International AIDS Conference in Thailand but the conversation largely centered around a single issue — duplication of donor efforts — and pointed to little in the way of corrective measures. Too bad. Numerous countries have escalated spending, including our own five-year, \$15 billion strategy. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, calling on other donors to increase their financial commitment, has added \$50 million to the \$100 million it has given to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

What's needed now is a strong evaluation process. A popular but shortsighted view is that since people with HIV are living longer and others have been prevented from getting the disease, something is going right. Yes, but what? It is important to know the value of the resources being spent on this pandemic. It is not heartless to request that we not simply do some good in the battle against the spread of HIV, but that we do the best good our money can buy.

A framework is needed. At best, it should offer a uniform way of analyzing the strings of successes and failures and coming up with inferences that best help us understand health benefits versus costs.

Sunday Horoscope

Mercury entering Virgo territory is like an all-hearing tape recorder that keeps track of our words. Everything you say has weight, even if it's just a throwaway comment. Mercury tries his best to bring us what we want in the time frame we want it, but we've got to do our part to communicate these desires consistently and clearly.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 25). Your creativity carries you to new ways of living this time. August features a home purchase or sale.

September is a stellar time for your career. You'll finally feel you're getting somewhere. Investments in October will bring dividends for years to come. Couples expand their families next June. Libra and Taurus are inspired partners.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Make an extra effort to reach out. Do research, and catch up on your reading. You feel better in social situations when you are involved in current events. Something that was overlooked last week is given a sharper observation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Partners change your plans. Flow with it.

Loved ones grant your requests because you're so easygoing with them.

More adventures will spring from your flexible attitude this afternoon. Tonight features success with the opposite sex.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are bright and enthusiastic, so team up with people who appreciate these qualities. Ask others if there is anything you need to know to make your ride smoother. The answers are close at hand.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll prefer the company of a few trusted companions instead of the excitement of a crowd, but no matter with whom or how many you do it, do get out and get social. Your words could change someone's life tonight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're so busy and active that there's no time to think about what bothered you so much just yesterday. Write your worries as "no yesterday." Do take time to relax tonight, or

you'll get the week off to a slow start.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're smarter than some people seem to realize—this is because your modesty has kept them in the dark. Speak up, or better yet, when friends grudge about just say, "Thank you." Aries is your cheerleader.

Joyce Jilison



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Solid decision making is a challenge, but once you conquer your doubts, you're happier. No ficke antics for you—when you meet someone you like, stick close. Caution in financial realms is indicated. You can't be too careful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's time for fantasy and having an absolute blast. You'll branch out and make new friends who will prove to be the kind of people you can insert successfully into almost any social situation. Good people like this are a treasure.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're bigger than life today, and your popularity is on the rise as a result. Set several dates for the week. Consider making a permanent dietary change. A long-standing ailment could miraculously disappear.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Relationships thrive when you put your attention toward making them grow. Of course, neglect has the opposite effect. So put grievances aside, and do something to strengthen the bonds of love.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're in the mood for a major change of pace, which might be accomplished by taking on an activity you've never done before—like parasailing or power yoga due to a disco beat. You'll catch the eye of a real charmer.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A craving for authority comes over you. The desperate need to be in charge may not be in your character, but when you see others fail, you can't help but want to help. You beautifully navigate complex family matters.

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Frustration behind 'split hairs'

A friend of mine often uses the phrase "split hairs" to make the argument over petty details. While does this interesting expression come from?

We define the phrase "split hairs" as "to make overblown or trivial distinctions." As early as 1671, a writer in London said, "The great difficulty (is) so to behave oneself, as to split a hair between them, and never offend either of them." Back then, "split a hair" meant to divide something, as a single strand of hair, even so as to give an advantage to no one. To attempt to split something as small as a strand of hair evenly is not only an impossible but also a

pointless endeavor. Hence, the phrase "son acquiesce" in reference to arguing over trivialities, and it began to be used disparagingly.

Around 1768, an author derided the frustration of petty bickering, asserting "though we are obliged to split the hair, we need not quarrel it." To this day, we often use the phrase to convey the futility of wasting time and effort on arguing over something as trivial as how to split a hair evenly.

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Worried about baby snoring bed with large grandmother

Dear Abby: I had a baby girl seven weeks ago. Her name is "Madison." My mother-in-law is here visiting from another country to help me. My problem is she insists on taking Madison into her bed with her at night so I can't sleep.

I prefer that our daughter sleep in her bassinet, because my mother-in-law weighs between 350 and 375 pounds, and I'm afraid she could accidentally roll over on the baby. When I asked her the other night to please use the bassinet, she waved her hand at me in a very disrespectful gesture, and then stomped into her room with Madison.

I told my husband to tell her that I wanted my daughter in the bassinet, and she told him to tell me to come in and get her. Am I being ridiculous to be afraid? I never have Madison in my bed, because I'm afraid of rolling over on her.

—Scared New Mom in Florida
Dear Scared: You are not ridiculous, you are a conscientious mother, and your concerns are valid.

Stick to your guns, and if it means getting less help from your mother-in-law, so be it. And stop asking your husband to intercede for you. This is be-

tween you and your mother-in-law. If she waves her hand at you again, wave this item back at her and hand her her plane ticket home.

Dear Abby: I need advice. A former co-worker has invited me to her wedding. It's between her and her girlfriend. If I go, I'll have to take my 4-year-old son because I don't have a sitter.

Part of me thinks I should go and take him because they're a nice couple who have been together for seven years. They love each other, and it would be good for my son to learn that it's OK to be different. However, the other part of me thinks, "How am I going to answer the inevitable question, 'Mummy, why is that girl kissing the other girl?'" I know I could answer that with, "Because they love each other," but I think it's a bit of a leap for a 4-year-old. Then again, I'm thinking if I don't take him, I am breeding intolerance and hate—and that is not my aim.

Should I go, or just send a gift and my best wishes?

—Help! in Jacksonville, Fla.
Dear Help: Whether to take him or not depends on whether there will be other children at the

wedding. If he's the only child there, could he be bored? If other children are included, he will probably regard it as a nice party and nothing more. Should he ask why one person is kissing the other, tell the truth—because they love each other. You don't have to deliver a 15-minute lecture on tolerance. Besides, by the time the wedding cake is served, he'll be more interested in dessert and playing with his contemporaries than any life lesson. Trust me on that.

Dear Abby: When an invitation to a party states, "No gifts, please," do people really mean it? I have heard people mention how much they got after such parties, who gave what, and how cheap "so-and-so" was.

I thought "no gifts" really meant no gifts. If you come giftless, are you in the wrong?

—Confused Partygoer in Michigan

DEAR CONFUSED: "No gifts" means exactly what it says. People who describe their guests as "cheap" and complain that gifts were given to them wasn't good enough are petty gossipers whose parties you should avoid.

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Husband's angry outbursts leave woman seeking help

Dear Annie: I am a married woman with a toddler. The problem is my husband, "Perry," who doesn't seem to have any control over his emotions. Any small annoyance, such as dropping a bowl of soup onto the floor or hitting his shin on the open dishwasher, and he will blow up and lose his temper.

He has never hit me, nor do I feel like he ever would. Instead, he slams cabinet doors, yells and curses.

Last night, Perry dropped a plastic container filled with chili, and he bawled. "HELP! HELP!" getting louder and louder as our son watched. I started cleaning up the mess, but Perry's ongoing bawling and nasty comments made me feel so stupid that I grabbed my son and retreated to the bathroom.

We've been together for four years. Normally, when Perry is not angry, he makes me feel beautiful and intelligent. He doesn't yell on purpose. He has been to therapy for his emotional abuse and is taking an antidepressant. But this behavior happens so frequently that I don't know how much longer I can hang on. I am exhausted from hearing the barrage of obscenities and hate,

whether it is directed at me intentionally or not. I love Perry dearly and don't want to leave him, but I can't take much more of this.

—Melancholy in Memphis
Dear Melancholy: If Perry is still exploding on a regular basis, in spite of past therapy and medication, he needs more help. Either the medication isn't effective, or he needs additional therapy and possibly anger management classes. Insist that Perry return to his therapist or ask his doctor for another referral. You also should discuss your concerns with his therapist so

Perry can work on those specific issues. If Perry doesn't follow through, you should consider a separation.

Dear Annie: You printed a letter from "Distraught and Alone," a sophomore whose parents were "sticking their heads in the sand" every time she wanted to discuss sex or birth control.

I have a 14-year-old daughter who is a freshman in high school. I thought I was cool and understanding, but I, too, had my head in the sand. Last week, my daughter told me she thought she was

pregnant.

Talk about a rude awakening! I have no more illusions about what kids do these days. I wish my daughter had been like "Distraught" and talked to me about birth control before having sex. "Distraught" parents could read this and understand their daughter is acting very responsibly by wanting to save them the hassle of a pregnancy and the choices I had to make. And to "Distraught": Kudos to you for being so levelheaded and wise at your young age. Keep in mind, however, that birth control does not protect you against sexually transmitted diseases. Good luck.

No Ostrich in New York
Dear Ostrich: Thank you for the words of caution. Here's one more:

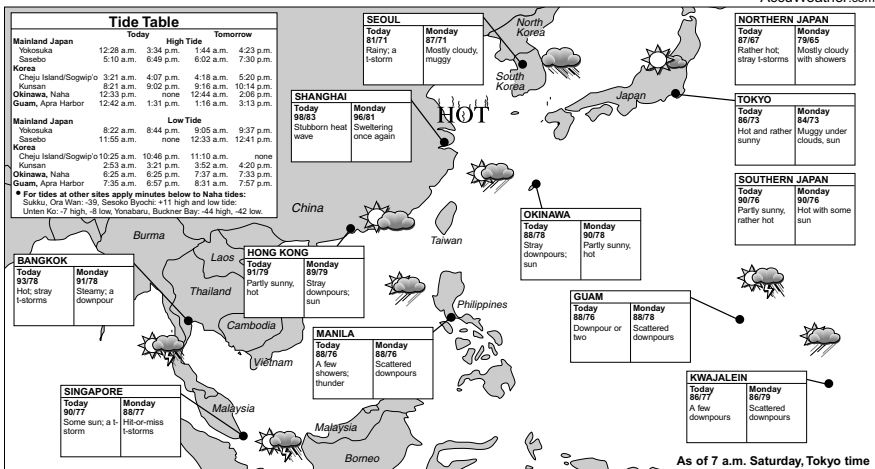
Dear Annie: I wish you had suggested that "Distraught" (and her mother) go to a Planned Parenthood affiliate. She can get birth control information free of charge.

—Dorothy Morris, Board President, Planned Parenthood of Hawaii
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Annie's Mailbox



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TOKYO
Tuesday: Mostly cloudy, high 88, low 70.
Wednesday: Showers, high 81, low 70.

KADANA
Tuesday: Showers, high 88, low 76.
Wednesday: Showers, high 88, low 76.

SEOUL
Tuesday: Thundershowers, high 82, low 69.
Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 86, low 73.

MANILA
Tuesday: Thundershowers, high 90, low 76.
Wednesday: Thundershowers, high 90, low 76.

HAGATNA
Tuesday: Showers, high 88, low 70.
Wednesday: Showers, high 88, low 78.

Friday's USA Temperature

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	80/63	Los Angeles	80/64
Anaheim	79/58	Little Rock	95/73
Anchorage	69/54	Louisville	86/63
Ashville	82/65	Miami	91/78
Baltimore	83/70	Milwaukee	67/55
Birmingham	94/73	Nashville	89/68
Bismarck	78/46	New York	82/70
Boise	95/66	Omaha	75/60
Boston	85/68	Orlando	96/74
Brownsville	95/76	Philadelphia	86/70
Buffalo	76/55	Phoenix	107/86
Burlington	78/54	Pittsburgh	78/59
Charleston, SC	92/75	Portland, OR	103/65
Charlotte	91/70	Portland, ME	78/63
Cleveland	72/57	Salt Lake City	92/63
Columbus, OH	80/58	St. Louis	83/64
Duluth	67/48	San Antonio	92/75
El Paso	92/71	San Diego	73/66
Hartford	85/66	San Juan	91/77
Helena	81/51	Tampa	93/76
Indianapolis	82/57	Tulsa	94/70
Jacksonville	95/73	Washington	84/70
Kansas City	77/62	Wichita	80/63

Sunday, July 25



Sunday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	93/78	Iwakuni	88/76
Beijing	86/70	Kadana AB	88/78
Camp Casey	79/70	Kansan AB	85/75
Chitochuk	47/33	Kunjinlein	86/77
Diego Garcia	84/76	Manila	88/76
Hagatna	88/76	Misawa AB	91/71
Hanoi	83/73	Osan	83/74
Hong Kong	91/77	Perth	59/44
Honolulu	89/76	Pusan	90/75

Sunday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	92/78	Budapest	87/60	Kabul	102/67	Nairobi	75/49
Athens	90/72	Buenos Aires	63/55	Kiev	80/63	New Delhi	105/86
Auckland	52/42	Cairo	101/69	Kuwait	114/83	Oslo	65/48
Baghdad	112/80	Cancun	83/72	London	67/52	Paris	70/49
Barbados	88/71	Cape Town	54/33	Madrid	100/71	Rio de Janeiro	67/56
Barcelona	80/65	Geneva	75/56	Mexico City	75/54	Rome	82/57
Berlin	70/50	Istanbul	84/68	Montreal	78/61	St. Petersburg	75/55
Bermuda	84/72	Jerusalem	89/61	Mogadishu	88/47	Stockholm	68/47
Brussels	66/45	Johannesburg	71/45	Moscow	73/57	Warsaw	76/58



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YOUR MONEY

Spouses get jobs with a little help from friends

Susie Besaw, from the book "The Savvy Sailor's Spouse," is new to the military lifestyle but is eager to learn more about how to manage her family and her new lifestyle through the monthly Family Readiness Group meetings of her husband's new command. Last week Susie went to the Spring Social.

On Monday, I started going through the employment ads in the newspaper and making some calls. After reading a few of the ads, I realized I didn't have an up-to-date résumé or a condensed list of my qualifications, schooling and experience. I then pulled out an area map to see where some of these companies with jobs advertised were located. I couldn't commute too far or I wouldn't be able to pick up or even have dinner with Jake. None of the database jobs seemed to be close to the base.

To make matters worse, the front page of the local section said there was a downturn in the technology industry in San Diego. Just when I thought I had everything under control, it seemed overwhelming again.

To try to make myself feel better, I dug into a pint of my favorite ice cream, rum raisin. Rum raisin ice cream is my comfort food, but it didn't make me feel any better this time.

I tried calling Maggie to ask for her advice, but noticed her car was gone. Where could I find a job in a strange area? I couldn't think of anybody else to ask. I reminded myself to slow down because when I stress out, I don't think as clearly.

Then when I relaxed, it came to me. Maybe Nancy Alston could

help me out!

I picked up the phone and dialed. A receptionist picked up. "Fleet and Family Support Center," she said.

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"Nancy Alston, please," I asked.

"One moment, please," she replied. With my fingers crossed, I waited for what seemed an eternity. I even started to kick myself for putting off calling her until now. Maybe today was her day off or she was out for lunch.

"I caught her walking down the hall, ma'am," the receptionist said. "She is walking back to her office to pick up."

A minute later Nancy picked up.

"Nancy Alston," she said. "How may I help you?"

"Hi, Mrs. Alston. This is Susie Besaw," I said. "Did I catch you at a bad time?"

"Not really," she replied. "I was just going to lunch. It can wait. What can I do for you?"

I felt uncomfortable asking for help, but thought, I have to start somewhere.

"I've decided to find a job during the day while Jake is at the base, but I'm frustrated. I checked out the employment ads, but am not sure who'll want to hire me. Can you help?"

"No," she said, as my heart sank. "But I know who can. There is a Spouse Employment Assistance Program or SEAP here. I can introduce you to our coordinator, Carol Young. Carol has been with us for many years and is easy to work with. She knows the area really well."

"What is SEAP?" I asked.

"SEAP is a program run by the FSSC," Mrs. Alston replied. "SEAP helps family members make career decisions and develop employment search skills through education, information, referral and assistance programs, giving family members such as yourself the competitive edge to find a job. We also give workshops that include employment skills building, career planning, self-assessment, job search skills, résumé writing, filling out applications, federal employment information, networking, interviewing, and on top of it all, we have a resource library."

"That's amazing," I replied. "I had no idea the Navy offered all this spouse support."

"Oh, it gets better," Mrs. Alston said. "We also have the Free Career Accelerator Program."

"How does that work?" I asked.

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A new king is in town

Coors, Molson to merge to form brewing giant

BY SANDY SHORE
The Associated Press

DENVER — Adolph Coors Co., the nation's third-biggest brewer, and Canada's Molson Inc. announced plans to merge Thursday in a deal that would create a North American giant to compete against the world's beermaking titans.

The combined company created by the deal, which was described as a merger of equals, would have annual revenues of about \$6 billion and rank fifth in the world by brewing volume, the companies said.

It will be known as Molson Coors Brewing Co., and will market brands such as Coors Original and Coors Light, Molson Canadian, Keystone and Carling.

The deal would merge two family-led breweries both founded more than a century ago. Golden-based Coors trails Anheuser-Busch and SABMiller in the U.S. brewing business, while Montreal-based Molson is neck-and-neck with Interbrew SA's Labatt Brewing in Canada.

"I am very proud to see the company started by my great-grandfather more than 130 years ago combine with a company of Molson's caliber and heritage," said

Coors chairman Peter H. Coors, who is running for the U.S. Senate in Colorado.

"This transaction allows us to create a stronger company in a consolidating global industry while preserving Molson's rich heritage as North America's oldest beer company and Canada's leading brewer," chairman Eric Molson said in a statement.

The deal is subject to regulatory and shareholder approval.

A former Molson executive could create a hitch in the plans. The Wall Street Journal reported Thursday that former Molson deputy chairman Ian Molson was expected to make an offer to acquire the company for as much as \$4 billion.

The offer would value the stock at about \$30 a share, which would create a premium of more than 30 percent of the stock price before the merger was announced — something the Coors offer lacks.

Ian Molson and Eric Molson, his cousin, have clashed about the brewery. Ian Molson resigned from the board in May over disagreements with his cousin.

The Ian Molson offer would come from a group of investors and a possible corporate partner, The Journal said, citing sources close to the situation.



AP photos

Above left: A tour group waits for a bus at the main entrance to the Coors Brewery in Golden, Colo., on Wednesday. Adolph Coors Co. and Canadian brewer Molson Inc. announced plans to merge Thursday. Above: Bottles of Coors Light roll off the production line in Golden, where U.S. operations will be managed. Canada operations will be run from Toronto.

Molson chief Daniel J. O'Neill declined to comment on the report, while Eric Molson said there is a good deal of support for the Coors merger. "We'll have to go through the process properly," he said.

Molson shares rose 3 percent to \$26.99 (35.70 Canadian dollars) on the Toronto stock market Thursday, while Coors shares fell \$1.54, or 2 percent, to \$73.19 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Harry Schuhmacher, editor and publisher of the trade publication Beer Business Daily, said he thought the merger would be a good deal for shareholders, given the \$175 million in synergies in areas such as ramping up Molson breweries in Toronto and Montreal.

"If you can bring that many synergies out of the deal that's good," he said.

Schuhmacher also said he thought Ian Molson would have a difficult time trying to stop the merger, given that he has about 10 percent of the voting stock.

If the Coors-Molson deal goes through, Coors chief executive Leo Kiehl would become CEO and Eric Molson would become chairman.

The company will have executive headquarters in Denver and Montreal. Its operations in Canada will be managed from Toronto, and its U.S. operations will be managed from suburban Golden.

The plan calls for Coors shareholders to receive one share of Molson Coors for each share of Coors.

Each Molson Class B share will be exchanged for a 0.126 voting share and 0.234 nonvoting share of Molson Coors. Each Molson Class A share will be exchanged for 0.360 nonvoting share of Molson Coors.

The merger would require approval of two-thirds of each class of the Molson shareholders. The Molson family owns 55 percent of the voting stock. It would also require majority approval of each class of Coors stockholders.

YOUR MONEY

Put footing before firming up

Q: I'm one year out of college. I own a home and contribute 10 percent of my salary to my 401(k) plan. My husband and I fully fund our Roth IRAs each year, and we still have some money left over for ourselves and for savings.

B: The amount we have set aside for home improvements is still fairly small.

We are considering reducing our Roth IRA contributions from \$3,000 to \$2,000 a year to free up some extra money for replacing our roof and aging appliances. Do you have an opinion on this?

A: First of all: Bravo to you and your husband. You're certainly starting life out on the right financial foot.

But it's easy to make a mistake when you're trying to juggle financial priorities. You're smart to want to pay cash for home improvements whenever possible. But you shouldn't let that desire keep you from taking the best advantage of your tax-deferred retirement options.

Roth IRAs are a particularly powerful way to save, because your withdrawals will be tax-free in retirement. Your 401(k) can be a great deal, as well, particularly if your company offers a decent match.

(Not contributing at least as much as the company will match essentially means giving up "free money" — and that's rarely a good idea.) Rather than reducing your 401(k) or Roth contributions, look for other areas in your budget that you could trim to boost your savings.

If your roof or appliances give up the ghost before

you've saved enough to replace them, you can borrow against a home equity line of credit. Just try to pay off the line as quickly as you can.

Q: A grandparent recently wrote to you asking for an example of the power of compound returns so that she could use it to encourage her grandchildren to invest. Isn't your example — that \$100 could grow to \$5,000 — disingenuous at best and based on a wholly unrealistic rate of return?

A: If you think an average annual return of 8 percent is unrealistic, perhaps.

But a diversified portfolio of stocks, especially one aimed to produce that return easily, particularly over the long term.

And we are talking the long term here. The grandchild in the example was 15, which means she would have 52 years to invest before reaching full retirement age (for Social Security purposes, anyway).

Obviously, children aren't the only people who have trouble grasping the concept of compounded returns.

If you need another example, consider the lowly penny. If you're given a single cent on the first day of the month, and the amount is doubled every day thereafter, you'd have more than \$10.7 million at the end of the month. (Or half of that example if the month had only 30 days rather than 31.) That rate of return is, of course, unrealistic, but the example vividly illustrates how returns build on returns over time.

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Money Talk



Liz Pulliam Weston

Money: Military aids spouses in job hunt

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"A couple years ago, the Navy wised up," she replied.

"They realized spouses' employment issues affected retention, or how many sailors stay in the Navy. They asked sailors why they were leaving the Navy and found out the mobile military lifestyle was tough on their spouses' careers. Your situation is a perfect example.

"The Navy then formed a partnership with Adecco, the world's largest employment services company, to help Navy spouses find jobs.

"Adecco offers career counseling services, training and job-placement assistance at no cost to military spouses. They can help you find a variety of jobs, including clerical, data entry, administrative, technical, financial and light industrial. It is a good deal for spouses who move often.

"Spouses who register with the Adecco program are eligible for Adecco benefits, such as vacation, holiday pay, retire-

ment plans and tuition assistance — and you don't lose your benefits when you relocate because all benefits are transferable to any of the 1,400 Adecco offices in the United States."

"Do you think Carol can meet with me today to talk about all my employment options?" I asked, with excitement.

"I'll walk over to her office and leave her a note," Mrs. Alston replied. "She'll give you a call."

Next week Susie blends her résumé and cover letter.

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INDEXES			
52-week High	Low	Name	Last
13,512.63	8,999.11	Dow Jones Industrials	10,050.33
3,123.45	2,526.38	Dow Jones Transportation	1,051.33
285.07	226.45	Dow Jones Utilities	278.21
6,788.12	4,531.77	NASDAQ Composite	5,390.63
1,915.1	931.7	Nasdaq Internet	1,244.33
2,153.83	1,464.88	Nasdaq Composite	1,886.06
1,915.1	931.7	S&P 500	1,098.84
686.42	477.91	S&P MidCap	578.10
686.42	448.97	Russell 2000	546.52
11,717.14	8,258.55	Wilshire 5000	10,662.45

NYSE			
Most Active (\$1.00 MOVE)			
Name	Vol	Open	Last
Alcoa	30,750	1.29	+0.01
Amgen	28,476	1.26	+0.01
Boeing	17,438	4.36	+0.01
Deere	15,616	15.64	+0.01
Dynegy	17,095	32.81	+0.01
GenCorp	17,024	30.17	+0.01
Pfizer	17,024	30.17	+0.01
Walgreens	17,024	30.17	+0.01
East	16,187	22.80	+0.01

AMEX			
Most Active (\$1.00 MOVE)			
Name	Vol	Open	Last
Amgen	30,750	1.29	+0.01
Boeing	17,438	4.36	+0.01
Deere	15,616	15.64	+0.01
Dynegy	17,095	32.81	+0.01
GenCorp	17,024	30.17	+0.01
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NASDAQ			
Most Active (\$1.00 MOVE)			
Name	Vol	Open	Last
Amgen	30,750	1.29	+0.01
Boeing	17,438	4.36	+0.01
Deere	15,616	15.64	+0.01
Dynegy	17,095	32.81	+0.01
GenCorp	17,024	30.17	+0.01
Pfizer	17,024	30.17	+0.01
Walgreens	17,024	30.17	+0.01
East	16,187	22.80	+0.01

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates			
Japanese yen (July 26)			107.90
S. Korean won (July 23)			1,135.00
British pound			1.258
Commercial rates			
Bahrain (Dinar)			0.379
British pound			\$1.8447
Canada (Dollar)			0.613
Denmark (Krone)			6.6013
Egypt (Pound)			1.7201
Euro			0.7825
Hong Kong (Dollar)			71.2021
Israel (Shekel)			4.0944
Japan (Yen)			107.90
Kuwait (Dinar)			0.2997
Norway (Krone)			6.9119
Philippines (Peso)			55.598
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)			3.7501
Singapore (Dollar)			1.7147
S. Korea (Won)			1,135.00
Switzerland (Franc)			1.267
Thailand (Baht)			1.470588
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British pound			1.258
Canadian dollar			0.613
Swiss franc			1.267
Japanese yen			107.90
South Korean won			1,135.00
U.S. dollar			1.00

PRECIOUS METALS			
New York Mercile close			
Silver			\$36.20
Gold			\$618.43

INTEREST RATES			
Prime rate			4.25
Discount rate			2.25
Federal funds market rate			1.50
3-month bill			1.50
30-year bond			5.13
Sources: The Associated Press, Bureau of America, Bloomberg.com			

Cents and Sensibility

Money tip of the day

Separate business, blogs

CBS MarketWatch Create separate Web addresses for your business and personal sites. Don't link the sites to one another.

If you can't afford to pay for two Web domains, make sure your site's home page is clean and professional, with two distinct links — one to your personal pages, and another for your professional ones.

This will ensure that employers don't stumble across your family photos by accident. But even then, carefully consider your personal information you include.

For the internet-savvy, check [www.geocities.com/](http://www.geocities.com/www.angelfire.lycos.com/www.homespace.com/) or www.homespace.com/ for free or cheap Web hosting.

For help designing a Web site to showcase your work, visit www.1234find-web-designers.org. The site lists Web developers by state, and includes tips on who to look for in a good designer.

For people in some professions, such as artists or Web designers, having a Web site is an easy way to direct employers to work samples. To use your personal Web site in a way that works, clearly separate the professional material from the personal.

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AM WEEKLY RADIO

JAPAN - KANTO

EAGLE 810
Morning (Sun)
 7:05 Religious Programming
 9:00 Eagle 810 Sunday Brunch (Smooth Jazz)
Afternoon
 12:00 American Country Countdown
 4:00 A Prairie Home Companion
Evening
 6:00 Focus on the Family
 6:30 Travel Radio
 7:00 Dr. Laura
 8:00 Beale Street Caravan
 9:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)
 12:00 2-Rock (Alternative)(Mon-Fri)
 12:00 Sports Overnight
 4:00 NPR's Talk of the Nation Live (Tue-Fri)
 4:00 NPR on the Media (Mon)
 6:00 NPR Living on Earth (Mon)
Morning
 6:00 Eagle 810 Morning Show (Top 40/Classic Rock)
 7:07 Paul Harvey News and Commentary
 7:20 Pacific Report
 7:24 Paul Harvey Rest of the Story
 7:28 Eagle 810 News
 9:00 Zama Commander's Corner (1st Friday)
 Yokota Commander's Corner (2nd & 4th Friday)
 Yokota/USFJ Chiefs' Corner (3rd Friday)

10:00 Radio Cafe (70s, 80s, 90s)
Afternoon
 12:00 Pacific Report
 12:00 Pacific Report and Commentary
 12:25 Air Force Radio News
 12:25 Radio Cafe (70s, 80s, 90s)
 12:30 Top 40 Music
 3:00 Traffic Jamz (Top 40/Classic Rock)
 3:00 Pacific Report
 4:07 AFN Sports
 4:12 Paul Harvey Rest of the Story
 4:17 Traffic Jamz (Top 40/Classic Rock)
Evening
 6:00 from the Bench Live Sports (Wed)
 6:00 NPR's Morning Edition LIVE
 Yokosuka Commander's Corner (1st & 3rd Thursday)
 8:00 Rush Limbaugh
 9:00 The Touch (urban): Mon/Country
 10:00 The Touch (Oldies): Wed/Rock of Ages (Classic Rock): Thu/The Touch (Urban): Fri
 12:00 2-Rock (Alternative)
 12:00 Sports Overnight
 4:00 NPR's Talk of the Nation LIVE

Morning (Sat)
 12:00 NPR's All Things Considered LIVE
 8:05 Car Talk
 9:00 Kim Komando
 12:00 Classic Rock
Afternoon
 12:00 Rick Dees Weekly Top 40
 4:00 2-Rock (Alternative)
Evening
 6:00 The Touch Saturday Night
 7:00 The Touch (Urban)
 7:00 2-Rock (Alternative)
 2:00 Sports Overnight America

FM WEEKLY RADIO

JAPAN - YOKOTA

FM CABLE Radio Services (On Base Only)

2-Rock (Alternative) 90.3 FM

Eagle 810 (Variety) 90.7 FM

National Public Radio (News, Talk) 91.3 FM

Bright AC (Pop) 91.7 FM

Adult Rock (Classic Rock) 92.3 FM

The Touch (Urban) 92.7 FM

Country 93.3 FM

Pure Gold (Oldies) 93.7 FM

Hot AC (Today's Hits) 94.3 FM

National Public Radio

Morning (Sun)

6:00 Weekend All Things Considered

8:00 Hot AC Saturday Night

11:00 Piano Jazz

Afternoon

12:00 Beethoven Network

12:00 Weekend All Things Considered

2:00 Dialogue

2:30 Uncommon Knowledge

3:00 The WFTM Jazz Network

5:00 Jazz Profiles

Evening

6:00 Walt, Wait Don't Tell Me

6:00 A Prairie Home Companion

9:00 Weekend Edition Sunday

11:00 Justice Talking

12:00 Fresh Air Weekend

12:00 American Life

2:00 Live Show with Harry Shearer

3:00 on the Media

4:00 Newsradio

4:00 Adult Contemporary

POWER 1575

Morning (Sun)

7:00 NPR: All Things Considered

9:00 Rush Limbaugh

9:00 Parent's Journal

10:00 Eagle 810

11:00 Sports Overnight America

Afternoon

12:00 Adult Rock

4:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)

Evening

7:00 Hot AC

10:00 The Touch (Urban)

12:00 The Touch (Urban)

3:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)

Morning (Mon-Fri)

6:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)

6:00 Morning Air Strike

6:30 Paul Harvey News

7:10 Horoscope

7:30 Inside Yokota Radio News

8:30 Best of the Story

8:35 David Letterman/Leno

9:00 Country Call Up

10:00 Bright AC/Golden Oldies (Fri)

11:00 Urban Assault

Afternoon

1:00 2-Rock/Classic Oldies (Fri)

2:00 The Afterburner

2:30 Inside Yokota Radio News

2:34 Best of the Story

2:36 Pacific Report

3:30 Paul Harvey News

3:40 AFN Sportspage

4:00 Departure Time

Evening

6:00 NPR: Fresh Air

7:00 The Rock Show (Mon/old School)

7:30 The Touch (Fri)

12:00 Adult Rock

3:00 Country

Morning (Sat)

6:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)

10:00 Soundbites

Afternoon

12:00 Dee's Weekly Top 40

6:00 NPR: All Things Considered

7:00 The Jim Stone Show

8:00 The Touch

12:00 2-Rock

12:00 The Rock Show

Evening

4:00 Soft Hits

7:00 Religious Programming

10:00 Focus on the Family

10:30 The Environmental Show

11:00 Savvy Traveler

Morning (Tue-Fri)

12:00 Country

12:00 Adult Contemporary

4:00 Top 40

6:00 Beale Street Caravan

6:00 Classic Rock

9:00 2-Rock

Morning (Mon-Fri)

12:00 Soft Hits

2:00 Oldies

5:00 Rush Limbaugh

6:00 Morning Drive

9:00 Country

8:00 Hot AC

Morning (Mon-Thu)

12:00 2-Rock

2:00 Classic Rock

4:00 Sports Overnight America

5:00 Rush Limbaugh

6:00 Matt Friel Morning

9:00 Hot AC

Afternoon

12:00 Adult Rock

3:00 Edge Afternoon Radio

Evening

6:00 Country

8:00 R&B

10:00 Hot AC

Morning (Fri)

12:00 2-Rock

2:00 Classic Rock

4:00 Sports Overnight America

5:00 Rush Limbaugh

6:00 Matt Friel Morning

9:00 Flashback

11:00 Hot AC

Afternoon

12:00 Classic Rock

12:00 Inside The Line

3:00 That Country Show

Evening

6:00 Classic Rock

8:00 R&B

10:00 Hot AC

Morning (Sat)

12:00 2-Rock

2:00 Classic Rock

4:00 Classic Rock

6:00 Oldies

8:00 Car Talk

9:00 Saturday Retro

10:00 Jim Rome

Afternoon

12:00 Rick Dees

3:00 Nautica Musica

5:00 Kim Komando

Evening

7:00 Morning Report

7:30 This Week with Sam & Cokie

8:00 Oldies Radio

9:00 Hot AC

Evening

12:00 Noon Report

12:30 News & Views

1:00 Dr. Laura

2:00 Country

3:00 Jim Rome Show

Evening

6:00 Adult Rock

6:30 Sports Byline

7:00 Rush Limbaugh

8:00 NPR's Morning Edition

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Afternoon

12:00 Pacific Report

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MON, July 26, at 8 a.m. Baseball: Texas vs. Oakland.

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SUN, July 25, at 1:30 a.m. Cycling: Tour de France, 15th Stage.

SUN, July 25, at 8 a.m. Baseball: San Francisco vs. Los Angeles.

SUN, July 25, at 7 a.m. Auto racing: NASCAR Busch Grand National New England 200.

SUN, July 25, at 10:30 a.m. Pro boxing: Artur G. Leonard vs. Leonard, welterweight.

SUN, July 25, at 4 p.m. Pro tennis: RCA Championships.

SUN, July 25, at 7 p.m. Golf: Senior British Open, third round.

SUN, July 25, at 10 p.m. Cycling: Tour de France, final stage.

MON, July 26, at 2 a.m. Baseball: Milwaukee vs. Houston.

MON, July 26, at 8 a.m. Baseball: N.Y. Yankees vs. Boston.

MON, July 26, at 1:30 p.m. Baseball: Hall of Fame induction.

MON, July 26, at 4 p.m. Pro tennis: RCA Championships.

MON, July 26, at 6 p.m. Golf: Senior British Open, final round.

MON, July 26, at 8:30 p.m. Auto racing: Indy League Menards A1. Ford Indy 225.

MON, July 26, at 11 p.m. Cycling: Tour de France, final stage.

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SUN, July 25, at 2 a.m. Baseball: Kansas City vs. Cleveland.

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Pro soccer

Major League Soccer

Eastern Conference

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DC United 6 6 21 23 32

Chicago 5 5 20 17 26

Portland 5 6 20 26 24

New England 4 5 17 20 26

Western Conference

Los Angeles 9 5 32 33 26

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San Jose 8 5 20 17 22

Dallas 5 5 20 17 22

San Diego 5 6 20 17 22

NOTES: Three points for victory, one point for a draw.

Saturday's games

Columbus at Washington

Chicago at MetroStars

Atlanta at Kansas City

New England at San Jose

Wednesday, July 25

Dallas at Columbus

MetroStars at Kansas City

Chicago at Colorado

Saturday, July 31

All-Star Game at Washington

Cycling

Tour de France

18th Stage

101.46-mile loop from Annemasse to Briançon, 4 hours, 4 minutes, 3 seconds.

2. Vicente Garcia Acosta, Spain, Illes Balears-Santander, same time.

3. Dmitry Fofonov, Kazakhstan, Cafédre Credit Par Telephone, 11 seconds behind.

4. Kristian Jonsson, France, Credit Agricole, same time.

5. David L. Lott, Netherlands, Rabobank, same time.

6. Antonio Flecha, Spain, Fassa Bortolo, same time.

7. Thor Hushovd, Norway, Credit Agricole, 10 seconds behind.

8. Robbie McEneaney, Australia, Lotto-Domo, same time.

9. Danilo Hondo, Germany, Gerolsteiner, same time.

10. Stuart O'Grady, Australia, Cofidis-Credifort, same time.

11. Carlos Da Cruz, France, Ifcjeux.com, same time.

12. Erik Zabel, Germany, T-Mobile Team, same time.

13. Serguei Ivanov, Russia, T-Mobile Team, same time.

14. Karsten Kroon, Netherlands, Rabobank, same time.

15. Laurent Brochard, France, AG2R-Prevoyance, same time.

16. Carlos Sastre, Spain, Team CSC, same time.

17. Franky Renger, Spain, Phonak Bora-Langenhain, same time.

18. Oscar Peraldo, Spain, Phonak Bora-Langenhain, same time.

19. Sandy Casar, France, Ifcjeux.com, same time.

20. Matteo Tosatto, France, Fassa Bortolo, same time.

Also

30. Jan Ullrich, Germany, T-Mobile Team, same time.

31. Alberto Simoni, Italy, Saeco, same time.

32. Floyd Landis, United States, US Postal-Berry Floor, same time.

33. Michael Rasmussen, United States, Rabobank, same time.

34. Ivan Basso, Italy, Team CSC, same time.

35. Jose Luis Rubiera, Spain, US Postal-Berry Floor, same time.

36. George Hincapié, United States, US Postal-Berry Floor, same time.

37. Lance Armstrong, United States, US Postal-Berry Floor, same time.

Overall Standings (After 18 Stages)

1. Lance Armstrong, United States, US Postal-Berry Floor, 75 hours, 20 minutes, 28 seconds behind.

2. Ivan Basso, Italy, Team CSC, 4 minutes, 9 seconds behind.

3. Andreas Klockner, Germany, T-Mobile Team, 5 minutes behind.

4. Jan Ullrich, Germany, T-Mobile Team, 5 minutes behind.

5. Jose Azevedo, Portugal, US Postal-Berry Floor, 10:41.

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Eastern Conference

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Indiana 12 11 52.7

New York 11 11 50.0

Seattle 14 6 62.1

Washington 10 12 45.5

Detroit 9 12 42.9

Western Conference

Los Angeles 16 7 69.6

Minnesota 13 9 59.1

Phoenix 10 12 45.5

San Antonio 10 10 45.5

Sacramento 10 10 45.5

Portland 16 7 69.6

Thursday's games

Seattle 59, Indiana 54

Minnesota 68, Connecticut 52

Friday's games

Minnesota at Washington

Charlotte at Detroit

Houston at Los Angeles

San Antonio at Connecticut

Washington at Charlotte

Detroit at New York

Chicago at Phoenix

Indiana at Phoenix

Indiana Pacers' games

Indiana at Sacramento

Japan baseball

Central League

W L T Pct GB

Chunichi 41 31 57.7

Yomiuri 36 36 50.0

Yakult 36 40 47.8

Yokohama 36 42 46.2

Pacific League

W L T Pct GB

Daiichi 54 34 2.6

Nippon 40 45 46.8

Lotte 44 41 48.8

Nissan 38 49 23.1

Kintetsu 30 51 2.7

Friday's games

Chunichi 5, Hiroshima 2

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Yokohama 10, Yomiuri 4

Houston Astros' games

Houston at Houston

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RB George reportedly in Cowboys

BY JAIME ARON
The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Eddie George agreed to a contract with the Dallas Cowboys on Friday, just two days after being released by the Tennessee Titans, according to a team source.

George's deal was pending a physical, the source told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

George signed a one-year deal that includes an immediate \$1.5 million bonus, which was about what the Titans wanted to pay him for the entire season. Add his base salary and easily reachable incentives and he could make upward of \$4.5 million,

more than he would have made under his previous deal with Tennessee.

George was cut Wednesday, at his request, after he rejected Tennessee's final bid. He left the Titans after eight seasons and was more than 10,000 yards.

George's only free-agent visit was to Dallas. Negotiations moved quickly because the Cowboys had plenty of room under the salary cap, a week before opening training camp, they were still looking for a veteran running back to ease the burden on Julius Jones, a second-round pick from Notre Dame who was expected to be the starter.

Although George has never missed a game in his 128-game career, he's been

slowed by injuries typically for someone who's averaged 21.4 carries per game. He turns 31 in September.

The pounding has reduced his effectiveness. After averaging 3.9 yards per carry his first five seasons, his average has dipped to 3.2 over the past three seasons. It was 3.3 last year, when he gained 1,031 yards and topped the 10,000-yard mark for his career.

George's 2003 numbers are similar to what Troy Hambrick produced last season when he underwhelmingly replaced Emmitt Smith. Hambrick has since been released.

The difference is that the Cowboys believe George can be valuable if used prop-

erly, especially as the lead back in short-yardage situations. The second 12 touchdowns two seasons ago, George also has averaged 8.3 yards on two receptions per game for his career.

George provides qualities that Cowboys coach Bill Parcells values: the willingness to play hurt, good size for his position (6 feet 3, 235 pounds) and reliability (one lost fumble the past two seasons).

By signing someone of George's age and experience, the Cowboys are seemingly reversing field from last offseason, when they cut Smith. Other factors influenced that decision, such as salary and George knowing he'll be sharing time and mentoring Jones.

Camp: a QB shuffle

CAMP, FROM BACK PAGE

2000 Super Bowl. He was released by St. Louis after two seasons behind Marc Bulger and gives the Giants an experienced QB to start if Manning isn't ready to take a pounding behind what could be a shaky offensive line.

Collins landed in Oakland, where his size and strong arm make him the perfect quarterback for the "vertical offense" that owner Al Davis has always favored. Turner says 38-year-old incumbent Rich Gannon, who missed nine games last season with injury, is the starter, but that could change.

Tim Couch has moved, too.

The No. 1 overall pick when Cleveland returned to the NFL in 1999, Couch was released by the Browns and signed with Green Bay as Brett Favre's backup. Jeff Garcia left San Francisco and signed with the Browns, a team seemingly in disarray, especially in the front office, where coach Butch Davis has dumped almost everyone, including team spokesman Todd Stewart.

The first order of business for most teams this week will be signing their first-round picks.

Manning's deal with the Giants will set the standard, at least for

the four first-round quarterbacks. The others are San Diego's Philip Rivers, taken fourth by New York and traded; Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger, 11th overall; and Buffalo's J.P. Losman, 22nd.

Few GMs seem worried. "I learned my attitude toward negotiations from George," says Giants General Manager Ernie Accorsi, referring to his predecessor, the late George Young. "Nothing ever gets done until Bastille Day." For those unfamiliar with the French Revolution, Bastille Day is July 14.

But things are later now. The regular season doesn't begin until Sept. 9 when Indianapolis visits New England in a reprise of last season's AFC title game and the first full menu of games isn't until Sept. 12, the latest opening Sunday for the NFL since 1997.

Signings could be slow in a few cases: Washington announced it wouldn't draft Kellen Winslow Jr. because he is represented by Carl and Kevin Preston, known for holding out their players. Winslow was taken by Cleveland. The Patriots also represent two other first-rounders: wide receiver Reggie Williams of Jacksonville and cornerback Chris Gamble of Carolina.



Quarterback Kurt Warner left St. Louis for the New York Giants.

Rivers is likely to wait to see what Manning gets and he could be out for a while — the Chargers (as Cincinnati used to be) are notoriously penurious.

But Tom Condon, Manning's agent, got Peyton into camp relatively quickly when he was the No. 1 overall pick; Accorsi says he will pay Eli, as No. 1, not No. 4, and is talking with Condon, with whom he's worked well in the past.

So expect most rookies to show up pretty quickly.

"Last year was one of the quickest signing seasons we've had and I think this one will be the same," says Roethlisberger's agent, Leigh Steinberg, whose first client was Steve Bartkowski, the first overall choice in 1975. "The way the system is set up now, you know just about what your player will get. You just have to work the details."

Bucs, top-pick Clayton reach contract terms

The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — First-round draft pick Michael Clayton signed a \$13 million, six-year contract with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Thursday.

Clayton, the 15th player selected in the draft, is being counted on to make an immediate impact on offense and special teams.

"We think he's got a chance to be outstanding," Bucs coach Jon Gruden said Friday.

The 6-foot-3, 197-pounder had 182 receptions for 2,582 yards and a school-record 21 touchdowns in three years at LSU. He had 10 catches for 1,079 yards and 10 TDs in the Tigers' championship season last year.

Last season's receptions leader, Keenan McCardell, has said he won't report to training camp next year unless he gets a contract extension.

Source: Texans reach terms with first-round pick Robinson

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans and cornerback Dunta Robinson have agreed to contract terms, according to a league source, meaning the team would have both of its first-round picks in training camp.

Robinson, considered one of



the top coverage men in the draft after a stellar career at South Carolina, was so highly regarded by the Texans that they moved veteran cornerback Marcus Coleman to free safety.

Farrier gets five-year deal with Steelers

PITTSBURGH — Steelers linebacker James Farrier reached a five-year, \$16.4 million deal with the team Thursday.

Farrier was the Steelers' leading tackler in 2003 with 127.

McNair avoids DUI conviction

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Prosecutors seeking a DUI conviction against Tennessee Titans quarterback Steve McNair received a blow Thursday when a judge ruled the arresting officer didn't have "sufficient basis" to pull him over. Davidson County Criminal Court Judge Cheryl Blackburn granted McNair's request to suppress all evidence relating to the May 2003 stop, saying officer Shawn Taylor's observations did not provide "specific and probable facts" that the defendant was driving under the influence.

McNair was arrested in downtown Nashville this month on a conviction registered at 0.18 percent, according to a police report.

Tennessee signs RB Smith

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans signed running back Antowain Smith, New England's leading rusher the past three seasons.

Smith, 32, agreed Thursday to take substantially less than the \$2.5 million base salary demanded by George. Smith led the Patriots with 642 yards rushing last season.

Raiders release C Robbins after he fails physical

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Former Pro Bowl center Barrett Robbins was released by the Oakland Raiders on Friday, a week after he and two other players were fined three game checks for testing positive for the steroid THG.

Robbins confirmed that he had failed the exam and added: "I'm OK. I just don't want to talk about this right now."

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Sorenstam takes control of \$2.5M Evian Masters

The Associated Press

EVIAN, France — Annika Sorenstam grabbed a three-shot lead in the \$2.5 million Evian Masters tournament with an impressive 7-under 65 during a storm-delayed third round on Friday.

Golf roundup

In a hallmark display of cool, controlled play, the world's No. 1 female golfer made seven birdies in a bogey-free round to move in front of second-round leader Karen Stupples, who is in second place.

Sorenstam drove into the left rough on the par-5 18th and only advanced the ball 74 yards on her second shot. With 170 yards to the pin, the 33-year-old Swede deposited a 7-iron two inches from the hole.

Sorenstam is 16-under-par through 54 holes. Stupples slipped to second with a 69. Mexico's Lorena Ochoa was in third, four shots back, after chipping a 67, and Australia's Wendy Doolan shot 69 to finish in fourth, five behind Sorenstam.

Sorenstam is aiming for her fifth victory. She has led 54 times going into the final round and won 35 times. She has only finished outside the top-three twice.

The 31-year-old Stupples knows what to expect playing with Sorenstam on Saturday. She has played with her three times this year and each time the Swede had a 65.

"Even when there's a glimmer of hope,

like at 18, then she nearly holes it," Stupples said, smiling in disbelief. "She's number one. That's what you've got to expect." Michelle Wie, plagued by putting problems that also resulted in five three-putts on Thursday, had four bogeys in five holes on the front nine and finished with a 4-over 76.

Eight tied for first in Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE — Only one other time has a PGA Tour leader board been this crowded after an opening round.

Eight golfers shot 5-under 63s Thursday and were tied for the lead in the U.S. Bank Championship, formerly known as the Greater Milwaukee Open.

Ten golfers were one shot back.

Danny Briggs was tied for first with Todd Fischer, Bo Van Pelt, Brett Quigley, Patrick Sheehan, Brian Kortan, Robert Gamez and Olin Browne.

The Honda Classic in 2000 had the only other eight-way tie for first after one round, according to the PGA Tour, which began keeping such statistics in 1970.

Among those to shoot 66 were Paul Azinger, who called this "a mini-U.S. Open."

Brown Deer Park isn't the pushover it used to be, even though 62 players broke par and another two dozen matched it.

The firm greens and deep rough have put some teeth into the famously mild par-70 layout that measures 6,759 yards,



Annika Sorenstam shot 65 Friday and takes a three-shot lead into the final round of the Evian Masters. The 33-year-old Swede is trying to win her fifth tournament of the year.

one of the shortest on the PGA Tour.

Pooley shares lead in Br. British Open

PORTTUSH, Northern Ireland — Don Pooley shot 72 and shared the 36-hole lead of the Senior British Open on Friday with three others.

Pooley is tied at 3-under 141 with Ireland's Zimbabwe-born Mark McNulty, Peter Oakley and England's Carl Mason, who lost in a playoff to Tom Watson in last year's championship at Turnberry.

Tom Kite, Scotland's Bill Longmuir and England's Mark James are one shot behind the leaders.

Leonard ahead by two in Irish Open

DROGHEDA, Ireland — Australian Peter Leonard shot 2-under 70 Friday to take a two-shot lead after the second round of the Irish Open.

Leonard led South Africa's James Kingston (68) and Scotland's Stephen Gallacher (70).

Ben Curtis, the 2003 British Open champ, missed the cut for the third straight week.

League's summit meeting on rules is goal-oriented

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Once NHL players get back on the ice, they might find a game that emphasizes offense.

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That was the objective of most on a blue-ribbon panel comprised of hockey royalty — from Mario Lemieux to Scott Bowman. That group got together Thursday to discuss how to create more flow and offense.

Ideas were exchanged and debated as part of a process NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman hopes will lead to rules changes that could go into effect after a new labor agreement is reached.

The talks were praised by players, NHL officials, coaches, general managers and executives, who made up the group.

"Everybody on the panel really cares about the game of hockey and is trying to make it more exciting and have more scoring," said Lemieux, the player-owner of the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Hall of Famer Wayne Gretzky was ex-



AP photos

NHL referee Stephen Walkom, left, and Pittsburgh Penguins player/owner Mario Lemieux, right, provided input during Thursday's NHL meeting on proposed rules changes designed to increase scoring.

pected, but he didn't attend because of a scheduling conflict.

Toronto forward Gary Roberts, and Nashville forward Scott Walker were joined by referee Stephen Walkom, several team presidents, Islanders owner Charles Wang, six general managers, and Bowman

—the winningest coach in league history.

"I've been involved in a lot of meetings in my life, but I've never been in a meeting that had the composition this meeting did," NHL hockey operations director Colin Campbell said.

Bettman made it clear that Thursday's discussion, which lasted about six hours, was strictly to address issues on the ice and not the problems off it — despite the presence of union head Bob Goodenow.

Following up on recommended rules changes proposed by general managers in February, this panel of 25 discussed the state of the game. The GMs suggested radical ideas that were met with varying levels of resistance.

Most came from goaltenders, who didn't like hearing that the width of their pads could shrink 2 inches, down to 10, and that they would not be allowed to go behind the net to play the puck — a skill in which New Jersey's Martin Brodeur, for one, excels.

"My view will never change on that. I should be able to do whatever I want," Brodeur said.

Other ideas suggested by GMs were moving the nets back 3 feet toward the end boards to 10 feet. They also supported bringing back the tag-up offenses rule, which will lead to fewer whistles.

Some concepts, such as wider blue lines and giving three points for a regulation victory will be tested in the AHL before they are considered for the NHL.

Bertuzzi's assault case pushed back

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Todd Bertuzzi's assault case was pushed back to Aug. 10 to give his lawyers more time to examine police evidence disclosed by prosecutors.

The case was supposed to resume Thursday, but prosecution and defense lawyers appeared in court to ask for more time. Bertuzzi's lawyer, Len Doust, said there are no difficulties in the process — just a lot of information from the police investigation to examine.

Bertuzzi, who plays for the Vancouver Canucks, was charged with assaulting Colorado's Steve Moore during a game.



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Armstrong unsure if he'll ride in 2005 Tour de France

BY JEROME PUGMIRE
The Associated Press

ANNEMASSE, France — Lance Armstrong will race again in the Tour de France, although maybe not next year.

The Texan is on the verge of becoming the only rider to win the showcase event six straight times. He would like to focus on other races but is not prepared to turn his back on the 101-year-old Tour for good.

"I would do it. I'm not saying I'd never do it again," he said after Friday's 18th stage. "I'll do it again before I stop. It's a special race. It's everything. You can't have this intensity in any other event."

Asked if he would skip next year's Tour to focus on other events, Armstrong said: "It's too hard to say."

"I haven't made a schedule yet," he added. "It's fair to say there's still a lot of things I'd like to do on cycling, like the classics and the hour record, that require a different type of focus."

The key factor would appear to hinge on sponsor demands. Before the Tour, his team signed a three-year, multimillion-dollar sponsorship deal with the Discovery Channel, which will replace U.S. Postal Service.

"I have to discuss it with them," he said. "If they give me the green light on something like that (riding in the classics and the hour record) I might do it. But if they say 'Lance, we'd like you to do the Tour' I understand that, too."

The Tour's top three officials said they had not discussed Armstrong's 2005 plans with the five-time champion.

"He is doubtless the greatest rider ever in the Tour de France. He is proving that," said Patrice Clerc, president of the Tour. "Now does he want a seventh, or an eighth? I have no idea."

The New York Times reported Friday that this was the last time Armstrong would compete in the race. A high-ranking official among race organizers, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told the paper Armstrong already has informed the Tour of his plans.

According to the paper, the official said Armstrong saw no point in trying for a seventh title and that this was a gesture of respect for the four cyclists who have won five times.

Before the Tour, Armstrong had said he would race in the Tour in 2005. He also said this

month he would be competing in 2005, although he didn't specify whether that would include the Tour.

A call to Discovery's office in Silver Spring, Md., was not immediately returned. Former cyclist Johan Bruyneel, manager of Armstrong's team and a friend and mentor, feels the Texan may find the Tour too hard to resist.

"We haven't spoken about the program either with him or the other riders," Bruyneel told French television. "Personally, I think that for Lance it would be very hard for him to motivate himself without the Tour de France."

Dan Osipow, a spokesman for Tailwind Sports, which owns the team, said the team's schedule probably would be drawn up in December.

"To say he's out right now is

way too speculative. He is going to race a full season. We just can't say what events they will be," he said.

"He's clearly installable. This race means more to him than anything in sport," Osipow added. Armstrong has outlasted his rivals as the race heads toward the finish Sunday in Paris. He has won three consecutive stages with his first time and a total of four in this Tour, matching his best showing since he first won the Tour in 1999.

He said two weeks ago he would skip the Athens Olympics because he wanted to be reunited with his first team. He has been accompanied in this year's Tour by rock singer Sheryl Crow, following a divorce last year from his wife, Kristin.

Associated Press Writer John Leicester contributed to this report.

Stage 18 results on page 38.

Report: Jones accused of using steroids in '00

The Associated Press

The ex-husband of three-time Olympic champion Marion Jones told federal investigators that she used several banned performance-enhancing drugs during the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, two newspapers reported.

Jones won an unprecedented five track medals during those Games, three of them gold.

Her lawyer, Joseph Burton, accused C.J. Hunter of lying out of bitterness over the breakup of the couple's marriage.

Hunter told Internal Revenue Service investigators that he injected his then-wife with banned substances and saw Jones inject herself with the drugs at their home in Australia, the San Francisco Chronicle said.

The San Jose Mercury News also reported Hunter's comments, citing anonymous sources. Human growth hormone, the steroid THG, insulin and the endurance-boosting drug EPO were among the substances Hunter alleged Jones used.

Angela DeMent, Hunter's lead lawyer, told the Mercury News, "It is totally inappropriate for me or any attorney to publicly com-

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ment about the facts of a pending case or pending investigation. That being said, perjury is a serious crime and those who commit that crime should be punished accordingly."

Hunter, the 1999 world shot put champion, tested positive for steroids four times in 2000 — when he was married to Jones.

Greene beaten in 100 meters

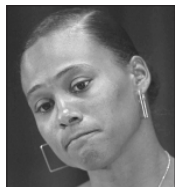
SAINT-DENIS, France — Maurice Greene was upset in the 100 meters at the Gaz de France track meet Friday, finishing second to Francis Obikwelu of Portugal.

Obikwelu posted a winning time of 10.06 seconds, easily beating Greene, the defending Olympic champion who finished in 10.14.

Greene blamed jet lag for fatigue and the loss.

"Of course, it's a disappointment," Greene said. "I only arrived here two days ago. My body is very tired."

The defeat came on his 30th birthday.



Marion Jones won five medals in the 2000 Sydney Games.

Cavs get Gooden from Magic

CLEVELAND — Needing to replace Carlos Bozzer, the Cleveland Cavaliers acquired Drew Gooden in a four-player trade with Orlando on Friday, sending forward Tony Battie and two second-round draft picks to the Magic.

In their second major deal this week, the Cavaliers also got rookie forward Anderson Varejao and 7-foot center Steven Hunter — a former first-round pick — from Orlando.

Gooden should help Cleveland offset the surprising loss of Bozzer, who bolted as a free agent when he signed a six-year, \$68 million offer sheet with Utah last week.

The 6-foot-10, 242-pound Gooden averaged 11.6 points and 6.5 rebounds in 79 games — 17 starts — for the Magic last season.

Ironkids triathlon slated for Aug. at Camp Foster

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All participants must have their own helmets, safe bicycles and running shoes. Athletes may wear Coast Guard-approved life vests, if needed.

For information, contact Okinawa Dolphins Swim Team coach Mat Luebers at DSN 645-2787 or e-mail luebersm@okinawa-usmc-mccs.org.

Camp Red Cloud captures softball championship

Camp Red Cloud defeated Camp Stanley 22-2 and 13-5 Tuesday to capture the championship of the 2004 Warrior Division Senior Men's Softball Tournament at Camp Red Cloud, South Korea.

Due to mission requirements, the teams were the only ones available to compete in the double-elimination event for players 33 years and older.

Camp Red Cloud will represent Area I in the 2004 U.S. Army Senior Men's Tournament, scheduled for next weekend at the Lombardo Field Fourplex on South Post, Yongsan Garrison.

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Major League Baseball scoreboard

American League

East Division		W	L	Pct	GB
New York	52	47	52	.500	0
Boston	52	47	51	.515	1
Tampa Bay	43	51	47	.471	10
Minnesota	40	50	42	.440	13
Toronto	35	50	42	.400	20 1/2

Central Division		W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	40	48	48	.454	0
Cleveland	49	45	46	.515	1
St. Louis	48	46	46	.500	1
Kansas City	38	48	37	.446	10 1/2

West Division		W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	51	43	51	.500	0
Seattle	47	47	47	.500	0
Anaheim	37	50	39	.484	12 1/2
Los Angeles	37	50	39	.484	12 1/2

Thursday's games		W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore & Boston	3:15	0	0	0	0
Kansas City & Detroit	7:05	0	0	0	0
Minnesota & Tampa Bay	7:05	0	0	0	0
Chicago White Sox & Cleveland	7:05	0	0	0	0

Friday's games		W	L	Pct	GB
N.Y. Yankees @ Cleveland	7:05	0	0	0	0
Tampa Bay @ Toronto	7:05	0	0	0	0
Minnesota @ Baltimore	7:05	0	0	0	0
Chicago White Sox @ Anaheim	7:05	0	0	0	0

Saturday's games		W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City @ Baltimore	1:00	0	0	0	0
Seattle @ Tampa Bay	1:00	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles @ Toronto	1:00	0	0	0	0
Minnesota @ Baltimore	1:00	0	0	0	0

Sunday's games		W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay @ Cleveland	1:00	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles @ Toronto	1:00	0	0	0	0
Minnesota @ Baltimore	1:00	0	0	0	0
Chicago White Sox @ Anaheim	1:00	0	0	0	0

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Cards throw blanks at Brewers

Marquis tosses St. Louis' second straight shutout

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — The St. Louis Cardinals' vaunted lineup is taking a backseat to the rotation.

Jason Marquis threw eight innings, Jim Edmonds homered off Ben Sheets and the Cardinals shut out the Milwaukee Brewers for the second consecutive game, 4-0 Thursday night.

"We've got a bunch of guys throwing the ball great here and we're all feeding off each other," Marquis said. "Hopefully we can keep it rolling through the rest of the season."

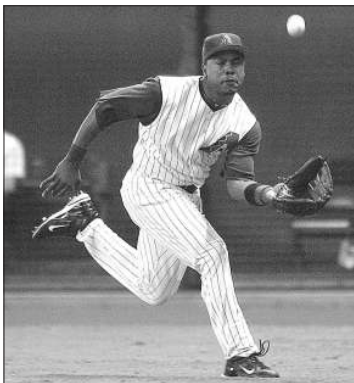
Edgar Renteria, Albert Pujols and John Marley drove in runs to help the Cardinals sweep the two-game series. They also shut out the Brewers 1-0 on Wednesday, and Thursday was the eighth straight win for St. Louis, which has blanked this year.

In the two games, the Brewers managed 15 hits, one of the extra bases. That came from pitcher Victor Santos on Wednesday.

"It's kind of been the story the past few weeks," Lyle Overbay said after going 0-for-4. "We just can't come up with that clutch hit."

The Cardinals, with the best record in the majors (61-34), have won 12 of the last 13 at home and 15 of 17 overall.

Sheets (9-7) allowed season highs of four runs and nine hits in 5 1/2 innings, the first time in 17 outings since April 15 that he went shut for six innings.



Arizona outfielder Danny Bautista takes a hit away from Houston's Craig Biggio in the first inning of Thursday night's game in Phoenix. AP

"He struggled just a little bit, but he got it going and pitched great," manager Ned Yost said. "That's just a good-hitting team over there."

Marquis (10-4) tied Matt Morris and Chris Carpenter for the team lead in victories and made the Cardinals the only team with three 10-game winners. He's 9-1 in his last nine starts and 7-0 in his last 12 appearances.

Last year, Marquis was winless with Atlanta and spent half of the year in the minors before coming to the Cardinals in the trade that sent J.D. Drew to the Braves.

"He just needed a change of scenery," Yost, a former Braves coach, said. "It was a great trade. I told Tony (Cardinals manager Tony La Russa), 'I think you're really going to like this kid.'"

Marquis scattered nine hits with two strikeouts and one walk, constantly keeping the ball down. Geoff Jenkins' drive to the warning track in left to end the fifth was the first flyout by the Brewers, and Cardinals outfielders made only five putouts in all.

"I had good defense working behind me and I was keeping the ball down and making some pitch-

es," Marquis said. "If I didn't have that defense behind me, I don't know what I'd do."

Julian Tavarez pitched the ninth to finish the 10-hitter, St. Louis' sixth shutout of the season.

Marquis also doubled in the sixth for his 12th hit, which leads NL pitchers. He's batting .286 with five RBIs and has 11 hits in his last 22 at-bats.

Sheets had been 6-1 with a 0.82 ERA in starts this year following a Brewers loss, but the Cardinals jumped on him in the first with a leadoff single by Marlon Anderson, an RBI double by Renteria and a run-scoring, opposite-field single by Pujols for a 2-0 lead.

Sheets retired the next 10 before Edmonds hit his 23rd homer, an estimated 430 feet over the right-field wall to make it 3-0 in the fourth.

Roger Cedeño turned a bad-hop grounder to first into a triple with one out in the sixth and scored when Mabry's pop fly to shallow left dropped among three defenders for an RBI single.

Padres 9, Giants 4: Jason Schmidt, building for his 13th straight win, instead took his first loss in 17 starts.

Schmidt (12-3) struggled from the start, allowing two singles to open the game before striking out the side. He started the third by walking Padres starter David Wells and couldn't get back on track. He gave up a two-run single to former teammate Rich Aurilia and a three-run homer to Jay Payton in a six-run third.

Astros 10, Diamondbacks 3: Carlos Beltran drove in three runs with two homers and Adam Everett had a homer and four RBIs for visiting Houston. Arizona has its second 11-game losing streak this season.

Everett had a two-run homer off Edgar Gonzalez (0-2).

Roy Oswalt (9-8) picked up his fifth victory in seven starts.

Ortiz, Cubs pair handed suspensions

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Boston slugger David Ortiz and Chicago Cubs pitcher Carlos Zambrano were suspended for five games each Thursday for their recent actions during games.

Also, Cubs pitcher LaTroy Hawkins got a three-game suspension from another incident.

The three players plan to appeal the penalties, which were set to start Friday. They will be able to play until hearings are held.

Ortiz, Zambrano and Hawkins also were fined undisclosed amounts by Bob Watson, vice president of on-field operations for Major League Baseball.

"I know the suspension was going to come, but I wasn't expecting that many games," Ortiz said after the opener of a day-night doubleheader against Baltimore.

Ortiz became upset after being called out on strikes by umpire Matt Hollowell last Friday night at Anaheim. The Red Sox star had to be restrained by manager Terry Francona and coach Brad Mills. Ortiz then threw a couple of bats onto the field that came close to hitting umpires Bill Hohn and Mark Carlson.

Zambrano was penalized for intentionally hitting St. Louis' Jim Edmonds with a pitch Monday night at Wrigley Field. Zambrano was ejected. Zambrano's previous pitch had been hit by Scott Rolen for a go-ahead home run in the ninth inning.

On Tuesday, Hawkins gave up a tiebreaking homer in the ninth to the Cardinals' Albert Pujols. Hawkins was ejected after yelling at home plate umpire Tim Tschida, and the reliever had to be restrained by manager Dusty Baker and several Cubs coaches from going at Tschida.

Concrete falls at Wrigley Field

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — A third piece of concrete was found that apparently fell from the upper deck of 90-year-old Wrigley Field.

After concrete chunks fell at different spots on June 9 and July 16, a team employee found a fragment Wednesday that was "relatively small, palm-of-your-hand" sized, Mike Lufano, the Cubs' vice president for community affairs, said.

"Repairs were made and city of officials notified," he said.

The city buildings department has asked for an inspection, and team management said it will share the results.

A man said a brick-sized chunk of concrete fell from a tier above his family after a Cubs game July 16, nearly striking his 5-year-old son.

Another fan reported to the city June 9 that he saw falling debris along the first-base side. Buildings Commissioner Stan Kaderbek said. No one was injured.

Mayor Richard Daley said Wednesday he wouldn't hesitate



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to close some or all of the stadium to protect fans.

Ruth bat in Cleveland

CLEVELAND — The bat Babe Ruth used to hit the first home run in Yankee Stadium more than 80 years ago is on display at a sports show and could be sold for more than \$1 million this year.

The bat is among the memorabilia displayed during The National Sports Collectors Convention, which runs through Sunday.

The owner of the bat, Sports-Cards Plus, said in June that it planned to auction the bat. On Thursday, Sotheby's said it would handle the auction Dec. 2 in New York.

The only two other pieces of sports memorabilia to eclipse \$1 million have been the Honus Wagner T-206 card and Mark McGwire's 70th home run ball. The sale possibly could exceed the original cost to build Yankee Stadium — \$2.5 million.

Ordonez knee to be checked

CLEVELAND — Right fielder Magglio Ordonez was sent back to Chicago for tests on his left knee, still sore nearly two months after the White Sox star had surgery.

Ordonez told manager Ozzie Guillen his knee was hurting and he was removed from the starting lineup before Thursday night's game against the Cleveland Indians.

Ordonez was to be examined by team physician Dr. Charles Bush-Joseph.

"I hope it's nothing real bad, but we have to be prepared for the worst," Guillen said.

Ordonez, a four-time All-Star, had surgery to repair torn cartilage in his left knee June 5. He missed 36 games before returning on July 8.

Team trainer Herm Schneider said he couldn't pinpoint what was causing the soreness in Ordonez's knee.

"It's not real alarming to me — right now," Schneider said. "He just has this discomfort and we don't know what it is."

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Sox pound Tribe, keep pace with Twins

Second shutout in a row helps Chicago remain half-game back

The Associated Press

The Chicago White Sox came into Cleveland and silenced the Indians.

The Indians were poised to make a run entering the two-game series with the Sox, having hit 21 homers and scored 52 runs in the previous six games.

Now, that's 52 runs in eight games after Chicago shot out the

Indians on Thursday for the second night in a row. Freddy Garcia threw seven innings in Chicago's 3-0 victory. A night earlier, Mark Buehrle faced the minimum 27 batters in a two-hitter.

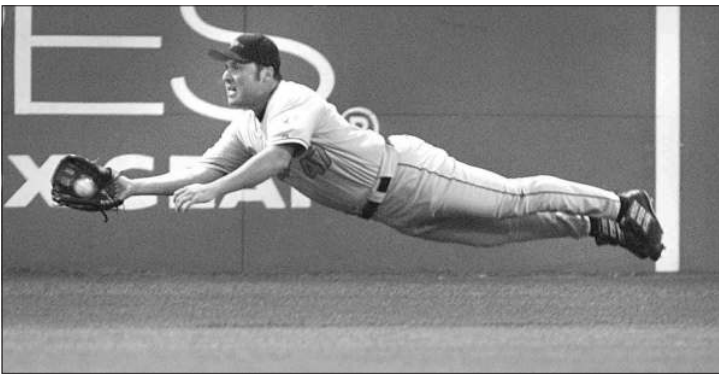
Garcia, acquired by the White Sox from Seattle for a playoff push, outpitched Indians ace C.C. Sabathia, who gave up seven hits in seven innings.

Carl Everett had two RBI singles.

"My team needed me to go out and throw a shutout," Sabathia said. "I feel like I didn't do a good enough job against Freddy. He was dealing. Everybody knew how important these games were and we probably pressed a little. But we faced two great pitchers, too."

Cleveland was shut out in consecutive games for the first time since April 1993, at Seattle. The Indians hadn't been shut out two straight at home since 1991.

Chicago manager Ozzie



Baltimore's Karim Garcia is fully extended to catch Trot Nixon's fly ball during the third inning of Thursday night's game at Boston's Fenway Park.

Guillen signaled for the wrong reliever in the eighth. He wanted left-hander Damaso Marte to face Travis Hafner, but first base umpire Joe West thought Guillen signaled with his right hand, and walked to the bullpen to escort right-hander Cliff Politte to the mound instead.

After Guillen argued briefly with West, Politte got Hafner to pop up and, after Victor Martinez singled, got Casey Blake to hit into a double play. Shingo Takatsu worked the ninth for his seventh save in seven attempts.

The White Sox keep pace with first-place Minnesota, which beat Tampa Bay 7-5 and leads the AL Central by a half-game over Chi-

cago and six over Cleveland. The White Sox return home for a weekend series against Detroit before three games against the Twins starting Monday.

"We came in here and did what we're supposed to do," Everett said. "It that made a statement — fine."

Orioles 8-0, Red Sox 3-4: Tim Lincecum pitched seven shutout innings five days after a line drive hit his pitching shoulder and Boston beat Baltimore for a split in a day-night doubleheader.

The Orioles won the opener behind Melvin Mora's two homers and four RBIs and the pitching of Rodrigo Lopez.

Boston salvaged the finale of the three-game series, ending its first three-game home losing streak of the season. The Red Sox trail first-place New York by 8½ games in the AL East and host the Yankees in a three-game weekend series.

In the night game, David McCarty had a two-run single and Kevin Youkilis hit his fourth homer of the season, ending Baltimore's four-game winning streak.

In the day game, Miguel Tejada hit a two-run homer in the first inning off Abe Alvarez (0-1), who lost his major league debut.

Mariners 4, Athletics 2: Bret

Boone homered for the second night in a row, a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the eighth inning. Host Seattle has won four of five.

Boone's shot off Mark Redman gave the left-hander his second complete-game loss of the season. Redman (6-8), who lost his fifth straight start, allowed three earned runs on seven hits and three walks. In his previous four starts, Redman was 0-4 with a 9.75 ERA.

Shigetoshi Hasegawa (4-3) received the victory by getting the final out in the eighth inning. Eddie Guardado pitched the ninth for his 18th save in 23 opportunities.

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Newman wins pole for Loudon race

By MIKE HARRIS
The Associated Press

LOUDON, N.H. — It was payback time for Ryan Newman on Friday at New Hampshire International Speedway.

Newman, the last of 46 drivers to make a qualifying attempt, knocked NASCAR Nextel Cup points leader Jimmie Johnson out of the top spot. Johnson displaced Newman in May at Lowe's Motor Speedway.

"I told him that I was going to do my best to get him back," Newman said after winning his fourth pole of the season and first since March.

It wasn't easy. Newman's car wiggled badly going through turns one and two on the nearly flat 1.058-mile oval on the first of two qualifying laps.

"There was a little drama there after the first lap," Newman said. "But we got everything together after that. I'm just glad it was two laps."

Newman's lap of 132.360 mph was easily good enough to win the 22nd pole of his 99-career career and third in six tries here.

Johnson, twice a winner here last year, claimed the outside of the front row with a fast lap of 131.984 in a Chevrolet.

"Ryan had a great lap in practice and backed it up with a lot of other good laps," Johnson said. "He was the guy to beat all day."

There was no drama surrounding Johnson teammate Jeff Gordon's bid for a record-tying fifth straight pole.

The four-time Cup champion, winner of three poles and three races in New Hampshire, drew the first spot in the qualifying line and knew immediately his fast lap of 129.860 wasn't going to be good enough. In fact, the next driver in line, rookie teammate Brian Vickers, was quicker at 129.993.

They wound up 23rd and 24th in the 43-car field for Sunday's 51-lap race.

"It didn't help us drawing the number one spot but we already have a problem," Gordon said. "We were just off. We can't really seem to put our finger on it. We just can't get comfortable, and that's certainly not a good lap."

Martin Truex Jr., driving in

place of injured Dale Earnhardt Jr., qualified third in a Chevrolet at 131.660.

Truex, who leads the Busch series standings driving for Earnhardt's Chance 2 Motorsports team, knew his qualifying run would be wiped out. Earnhardt, burned in a crash during a sports car event last Sunday, will start the race to earn championship points. The No. 8 car will have to start from the rear of the field because of the driver change.

Earnhardt, second in the standings — 105 points behind Johnson — plans to have Truex replace him in the car, probably early in the 300-lap race.

Driving in practice and qualifying Friday served two purposes for Truex, making his Cup debut. It gave him much-needed experience in the car and earned the team a good pit stall for the race.

Michael Waltrip wound up fourth at 131.488. Next came Jamie McMurray — who won the Busch series pole earlier in the day — at 131.442. Rookie Kasey Kahne was sixth at 131.410.

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Armstrong hasn't decided if he'll ride in next year's Tour de France, Page 43

NFL's summer camp set to kick off

July offers mix of holdouts, holdovers and newcomers

BY DAVE GOLDBERG
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — For seven months, Washington fans have anticipated the opening of Joe Gibbs' first training camp in 12 years as coach of the Redskins.

Too bad they won't get to see much of it.

The Redskins open training camp Saturday at their home training base in Ashburn, Va., one of 32 camps that start this week. Denver, Chicago, Carolina and St. Louis begin the process Tuesday.

But Washington fans, who have waited for this week since their Hall of Fame coach was rehired last January, may not get to see much. While most teams encourage their supporters to attend drills, the new/old coach probably is restricting fan access.

"I don't care if you're taking a

■ **Training camp capsules for every team, Pages 39, 40**



Hall of Fame coach Joe Gibbs is back with the Redskins, raising typically high expectations once again in the nation's capital.



New England enters training camp as the favorite to win its third championship in four years, which would match Dallas' run from 1992 to 1995. Patriots defensive lineman, from left, Richard Seymour, Ted Washington and Bobby Hamilton, will be joined by first-round draft pick Vince Wilfork from the University of Miami.

test or what you're doing," Gibbs says. "If there's things walking around, and people talking, good-looking girls walking up and down the sidelines and everything, then generally what people do is: 'I'd rather look over there than look out here.' So that's a problem, distractions are."

Despite the return of Gibbs and owner Daniel Snyder's annual signing flurry, Washington isn't the favorite in its division, the NFC East.

That designation goes to Philadelphia, loser of three straight conference title games. The Eagles have added pass rusher Jevon Kearse and Terrell Owens, the standout wide receiver they desperately needed. Still, that guarantees little in this era of parity, especially with potential locker room problems after the depar-

ture of cornerback and team leader Troy Vincent to Buffalo and the addition of the tempestuous and moody Owens. The overall Super



Bowl favorite might again be New England, which could equal the mark of the 1992-95 Dallas Cowboys with three titles in four years.

Despite a recent trend of teams coming from nowhere — from the St. Louis Rams in '99 to Carolina last season — the Patriots seem to be as solid as last year, when they won their second Super Bowl in three years by beating the Panthers 32-9 in the final seconds.

New England also could break Miami's 31-year-old modern record of 18 straight victories. If the Patriots win their first three games, they'll go for No. 19 against the Dolphins in Foxboro, Mass., on Oct. 10.

The 63-year-old Gibbs,

who won three Super Bowls and reached a fourth during his tour in Washington from 1981-92, is one of seven new coaches.

The "newcomers" include three other retirees — Tom Coughlin (formerly of Jacksonville) with the New York Giants, Norv Turner (Washington) in Oakland and Dennis Green (Minnesota) in Arizona.

Green and Lovie Smith, the former St. Louis defensive coordinator who took over the Chicago Bears, bring the number of black head coaches in the NFL to five, the most ever.

There was a lot of player movement, too.

Owens, Kearse and Vincent are among the many Pro Bowl-caliber players who changed uniforms. The Giants signed 18 free agents after a 4-12 record in a season in which they were supposed to challenge for a title.

Big-time quarterbacks also have been shuffled, moves set off in part by the Giants' trade to select Eli Manning, brother of Peyton, the league's co-MVP with Indianapolis last season.

That led to the release for salary cap reasons of Kerry Collins, who quarterbacked the team in the 2001 Super Bowl.

Collins was replaced by Kurt Warner, the 1999 and 2001 league MVP and the MVP of the

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Giants quarterback Eli Manning will break into the NFL under the intense media scrutiny that only New York can provide.

Sources say George will make a quick run to Dallas; Buccaneers reach terms with top pick

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White Sox keep pace with first-place Twins by shutting out Indians again

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